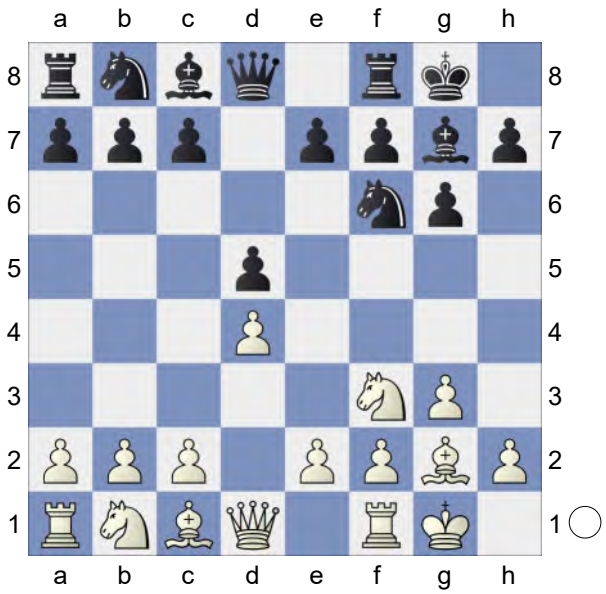
PRAGUE MASTERS 2025

GM Aravindh Wins!

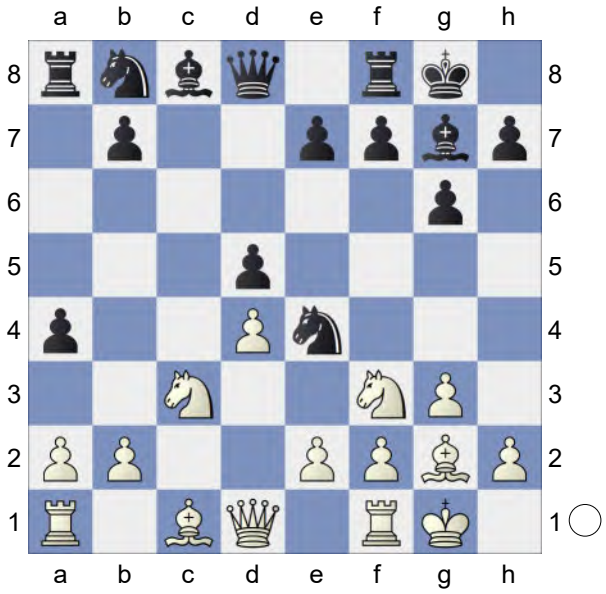
Chess Notes 2025

1 **D78**
□ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR.** **2729**
■ **Nguyen,Thai Dai Van** **2668**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (1) 26.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D78: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0 c6 **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d4**
[4.0-0 e5 5.d3 Ne7 6.e4 0-0 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Re1 Nc6 9.Nc3 Nde7 10.a4 Bf5 11.a5 Qd7 12.Be3 Bg4 13.Qc1 Rad8 14.Ng5 f6 15.Nge4 b6 16.axb6 axb6 17.Ra4 Nd4 18.Nd2 Nec6 ½-½ Amin,B (2693)-Tari,A (2599) Tata Steel-B 80th Wijk aan Zee 2018 (11)]
4...Nf6 5.0-0 0-0



6.c4N
[6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 Ne4 *(7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.c4 e5 10.Nf3 d4 11.e3 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 e4 14.Bg2 d3 15.Nd2 Nc6 16.Rc1 b6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nxe4 Bg7 19.Nc3 Rc8 20.Bxc6 Rxc6 21.Nd5 Qd7 22.Kg2* 1-0 Alingh Prins,J-Devriese,J NED-ch17 corr Netherlands 1987 *Qf5 23.Qd2 Bh6 24.Rcd1 Qe4+ 25.Kh2 Qf3 26.Qxd3 Bg7 27.Kg1 h5 28.h4 Be5 29.e4 Qg4 30.Kg2 Rce6 31.Qf3 Bb8 32.Nf6+ Rxf6 33.Qxf6 Qxe4+ 34.Qf3 Qe6 35.Rfe1 Qxe1 36.Rxe1 Rxe1 37.Qa8* 1-0 Alinasab,M (2321)-Liyanage,R (2342) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (4)) 8.Qc1 Nc6 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.Rd1 e5 12.Qb2 f6 13.c4 d4 14.b4 Qb6 15.a3 a5 16.b5 Ne7 17.a4 Be6 18.Nbd2 Nc6 19.Ne1 Nb4 20.Ra3 Bf5 ½-½ Ghevondyan,A (2180)-Hertlein,I (1978) Ceske Budejovice op 2023 (2)]
6...c6 7.Qb3 a5 8.cxd5 a4 9.Qd1 cxd5 10.Nc3 Ne4



11.Ng5 Nxc3 12.bxc3 h6 13.Nh3 Qc7 14.Bd2 Bxh3 15.Bxh3 e6

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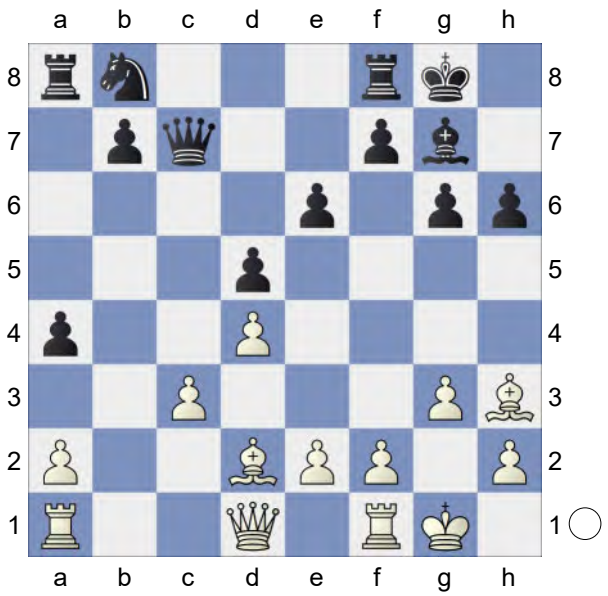


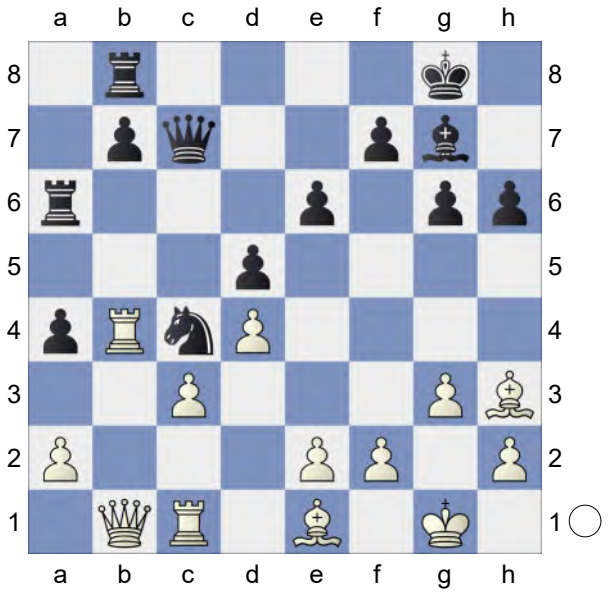
16.Rb1 Nd7 17.Rb4 Nb6 18.Qb1 -0.01/21

[18.Qc1± 0.35/19 is superior.]

18...Ra6 19.Rc1 Nc4 20.Be1 -0.57/23

[20.Bf4= -0.08/21 Qc6 21.Rxb7]

20...Rb8∓

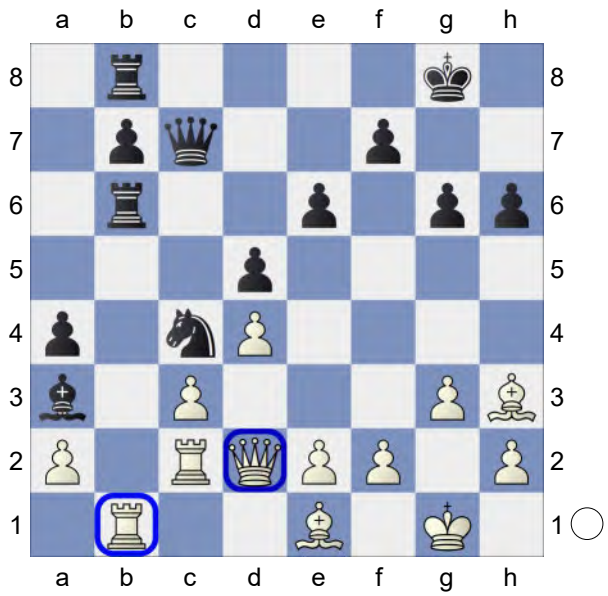


21.Qd3 Bf8 22.Rbb1 Ba3 23.Rc2 Rb6 24.Qd1 Nb2 -0.01/25

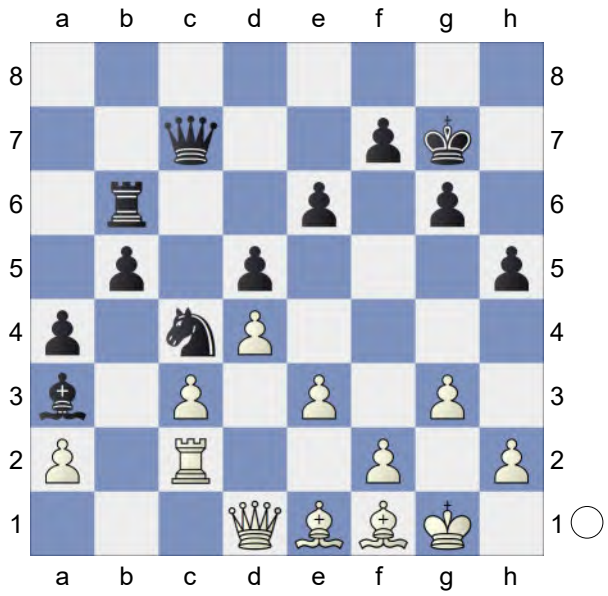
[24...Rxb1∓ -0.61/19 25.Qxb1 Bf8]

25.Qd2!= Nc4!

(Diagram)



26.Qd1 Rxb1 27.Qxb1 b5 28.Bf1 Kg7 29.e3 h5 30.Qd1 Rb6



31.Qf3 Qc6 32.h3 Qb7 33.Kh2 Bd6 34.Kg1 Ba3 -0.01/18

[34...Qc6∓ -0.47/21]

35.Be2 -0.58/20

[35.Kh2!= -0.01/18]

35...Bd6 0.01/21

[35...Be7∓ -0.58/20]

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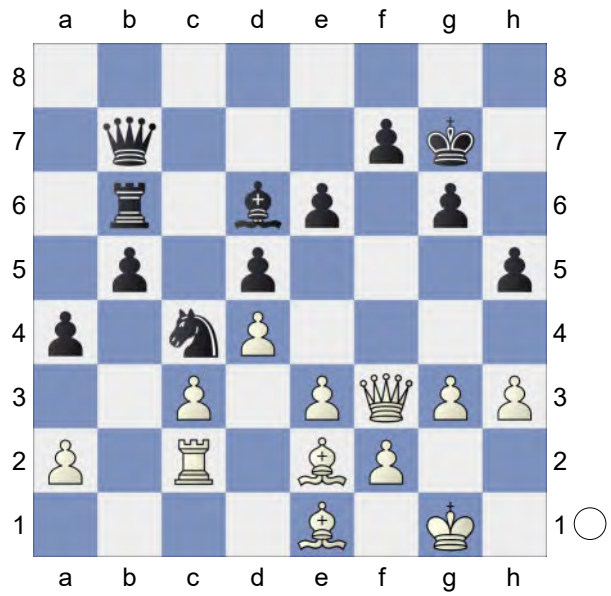
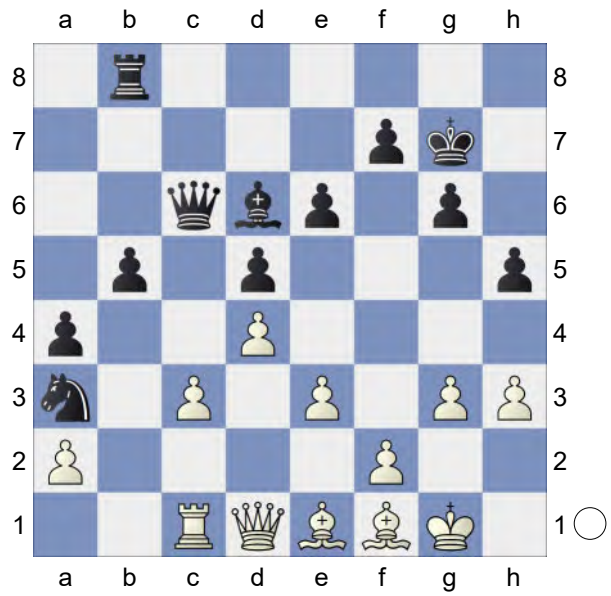
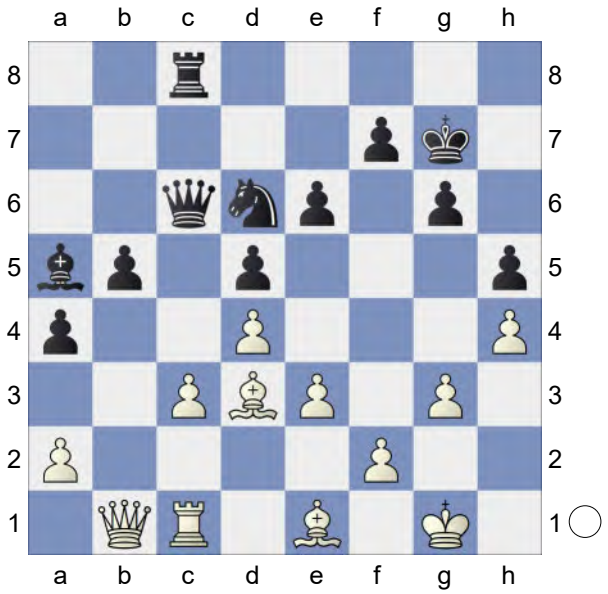


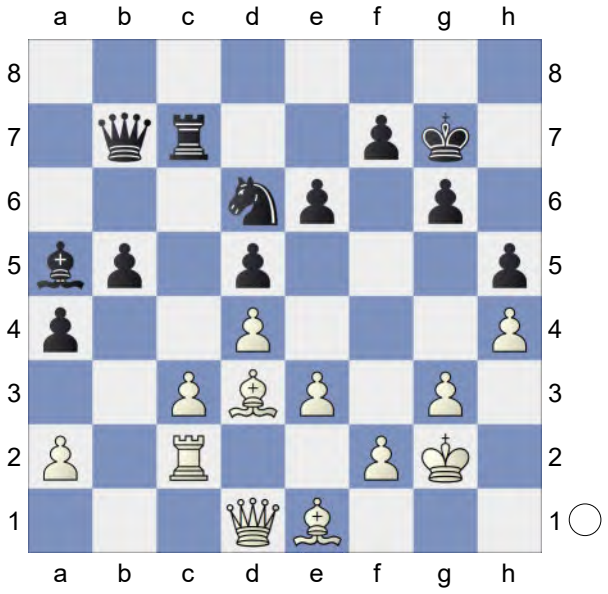
36.Rc1 -0.53/19
[36.Bf1!= 0.01/21]
36...Ba3 -0.01/20
[36...Nb2∓ -0.53/19]
37.Rb1 -0.54/19
[37.Rc2= -0.01/20]
37...Bd6 0.01/20
[Black should play 37...Bb2∓ -0.54/19]
38.Bf1 -0.48/20
[38.Rc1!= 0.01/20]
38...Na3∓ 39.Rc1 Qc6 ...b5-b4 is the strong threat. **40.Qd1 Rb8**



41.Qd2 Bc7 42.h4 Rc8 43.Qb2 Nc4
44.Qb1 Ba5 45.Bd3 Nd6



46.Rc2 Nc4 0.01/19
[46...Qe8∓ -0.52/20]
47.Rc1!= Nd6 -0.01/20
[47...Re8∓ -0.52/19]
48.Rc2! Qd7 49.Kg2 Qb7 50.Qd1 Rc7 -0.01/20
[50...Nc4∓ -0.61/19]

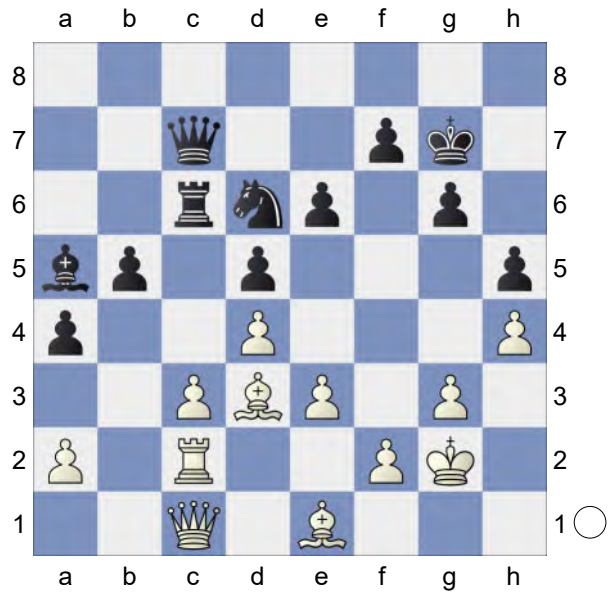


51.Kh2 -0.56/20
[51.g4= -0.01/20]
51...Qc8 52.Qc1 Rc6 53.Kg2 Qc7 54.Kh2 Qc8 0.01/20

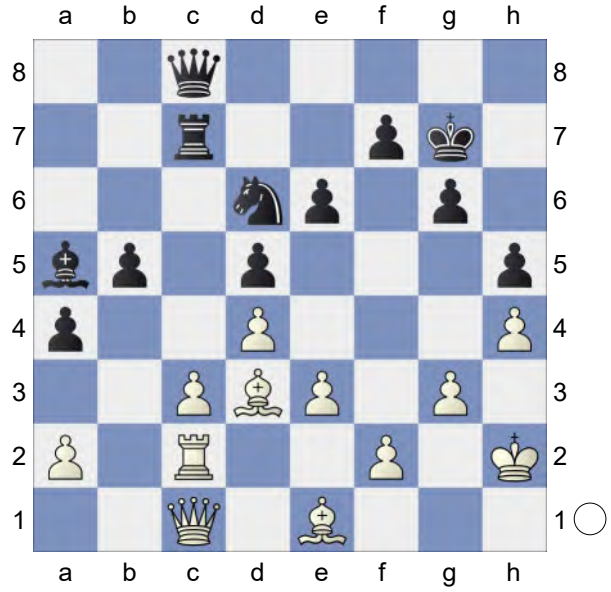
[54...Qe7∓ -0.53/22]

55.Kg2! Qc7 0.01/21

[55...Qb7∓ -0.38/21 deserves consideration.]



56.Kh2! Qe7 57.Qb1 Qb7 58.Qc1 Qc7 59.Kg2 Qc8 60.Kh2 Rc7

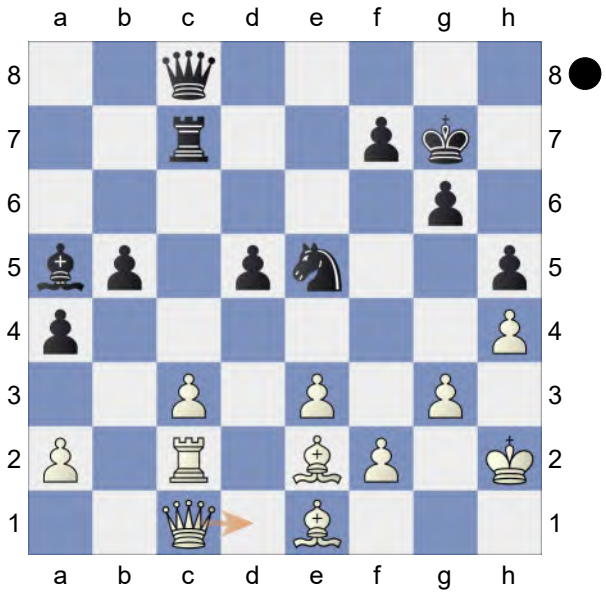


61.Qa3 Nc4 62.Qc1 e5 63.dxe5 -1.42/21

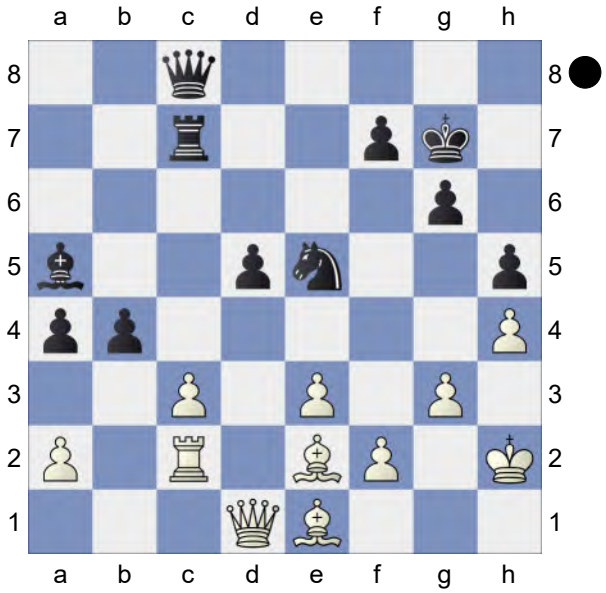
[⌓63.Bxc4 -1.03/20 Rxc4 64.dxe5]

63...Nxe5∓ 64.Be2

[64.Bxb5? Nf3+ 65.Kg2 Qf5-+ *(65...Qg4? 66.Bd3-+)*]



64...b4! 65.Qd1

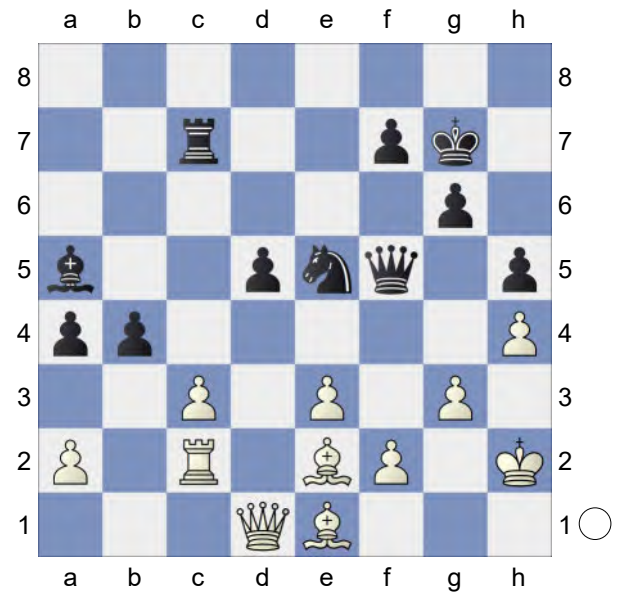


Qf5 -0.50/23

[65...bxc3?! 66.Qxd5 Rc5 67.Qd4∓]

[65...Rc5!∓ -1.13/22]

(Diagram)



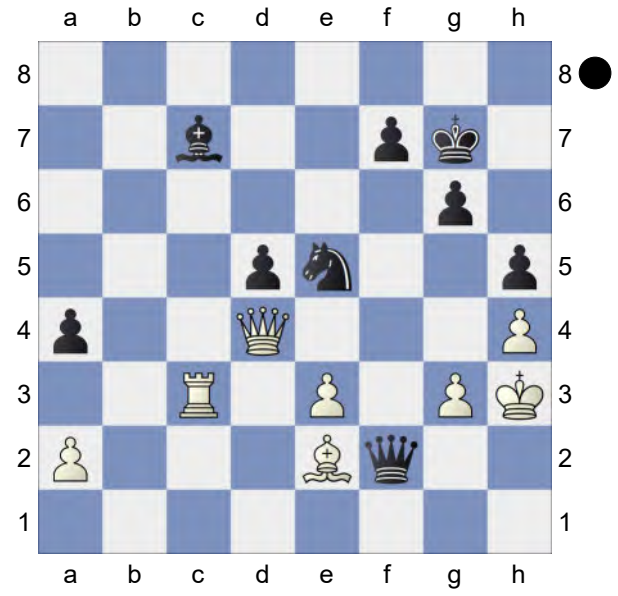
66.Rc1? -2.01/23

[White should try 66.Kg2∓ -0.50/23]

66...Rxc3-+ Deflection

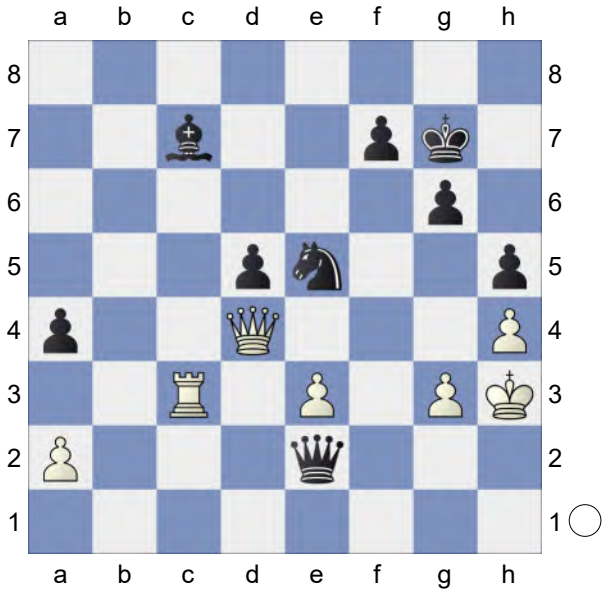
[66...bxc3 67.Qxa4 Ra7 68.Kg1=]

67.Bxc3 Qxf2+ 68.Kh3 bxc3 69.Qd4 Bc7 70.Rxc3

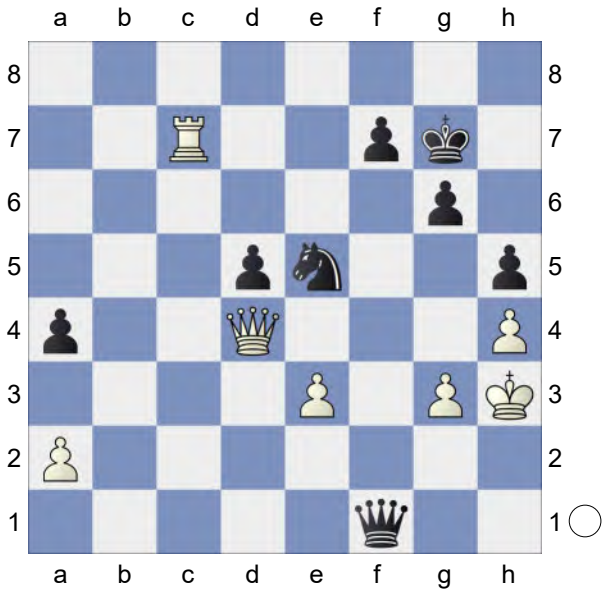


Qxe2? -0.01/20

[70...Bd6!-+ -2.63/23 71.Bd1 Kh7
(71...Qxa2 72.Rc6=) 72.Qxd5 Qf1+
(72...Ng4? 73.Qg2-+) 73.Kh2 Qf2+
(73...Qe1 74.Rc2=) 74.Qg2 Ng4+
75.Bxg4 Bxg3+ 76.Kh1 Qe1+
(76...hxg4? perishes. 77.Qxf2 Bxf2
78.e4±) 77.Qg1 Qxc3]

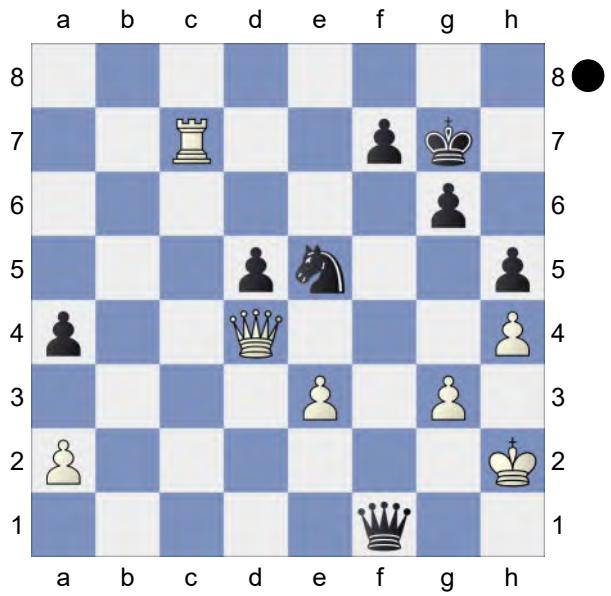


71.Rxc7 KQR-KQN. The position is equal. **71...Qf1+ 72.Kh2 Qf2+ 73.Kh3½** White has counterplay **73...Qf1+ 74.Kh2 Qf2+ 75.Kh3 Qf1+**



76.Kh2

(Diagram)



And White is the lucky defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
½-½

2 **D02**
□ **Shankland,S.** **2670**
■ **Gurel,Ediz** **2624**
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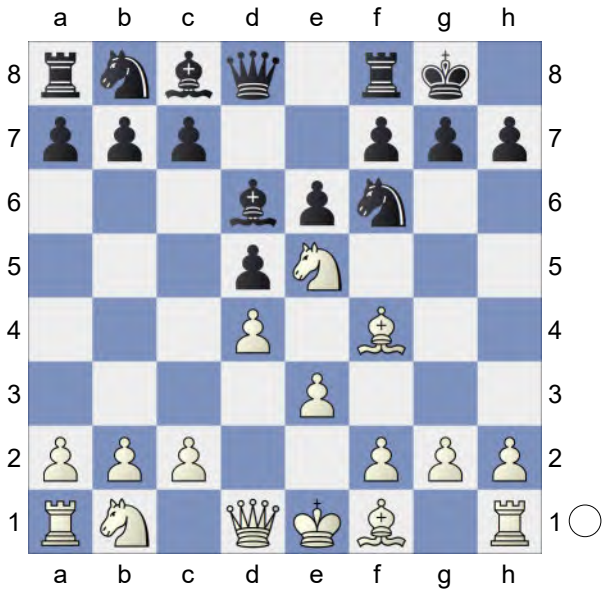
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4N**
[3.g3 c5 *(3...e6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nc3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Nc6 10.Be3 Bf6 11.Qd3 Qa5 12.Rfd1 Rd8 13.Bg5 Bxg5 14.Nxg5 g6 15.Qf3 Qc7 16.dxc5 Rxd1+ 17.Rxd1 Ne5 18.Qf6* 1-0 Venskaya,N (1871)-Sovetbekova,N (1940) Swiss Queens Wed #39 FIDE Online Arena INT blitz 2024 (9)*)* 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 ½-½ Peng,H (2426)-Xie,K (2278) CHN-chT DivA Fuling 2023 (6.2)]
[3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.f4 c5 12.Qe1 cxd4 13.exd4 Bb4 14.a3 Bxd2 15.Qxd2 Ne4 16.Qe3 f6 17.Rac1 Qd8 Savchenko,B (2569)-Caruana,F (2620) 102/(304) Plovdiv 2008]
[3.e3 c5 4.b3 Nc6 5.Bb2 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Bd6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Ne5 *(9.c4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Qe7 12.Rac1 Ba3* The Zukertort System On the way to the Queen's Gambit Declin Rašt The *)* 9...Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Qc7 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.h3 cxd4 13.exd4 a5 The Zukertort System-N,N On the way to the Queen's Gambit Declin Rašt The]
3...e6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Ne5 0-0



6.Nd2 c5 7.c3 c4 8.h4 Nc6 9.h5 The position is equal. **9...Qc7 10.h6** Hoping for h6xg7. **10...g6**

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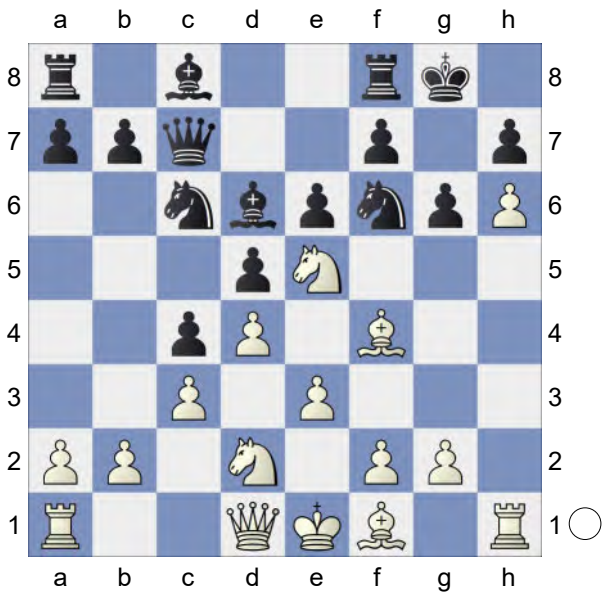
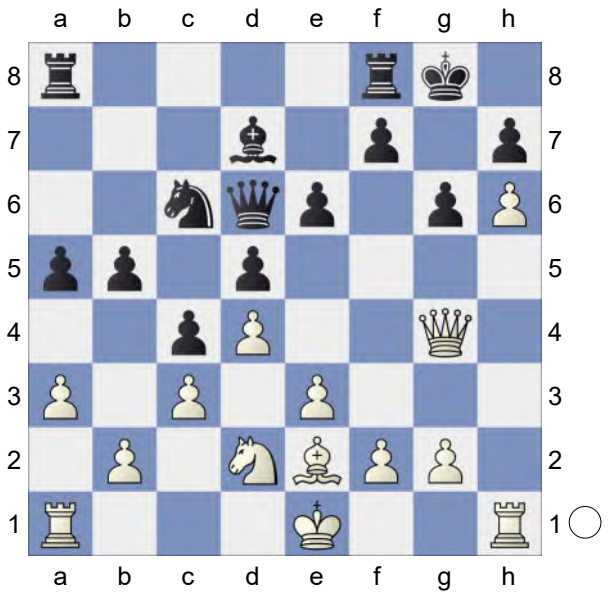


11.Ng4 Nxg4 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Qxg4 b5 14.a3 Bd7 15.Be2 a5

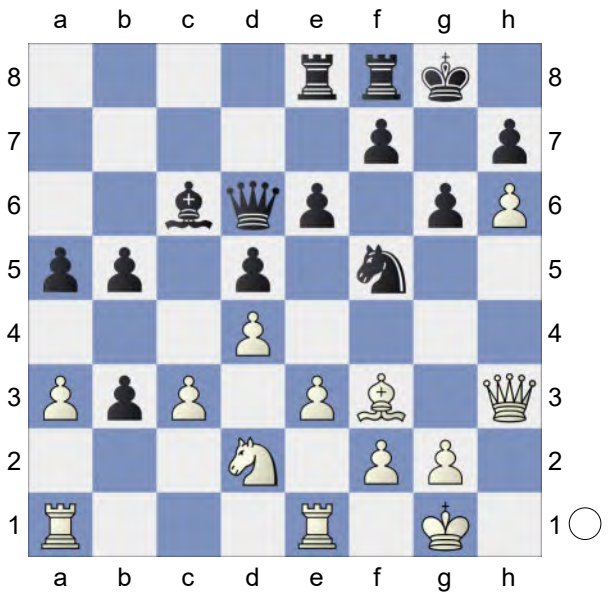


16.0-0 Ne7 17.Rfe1 Bc6 18.Bf3 Rae8 19.b3 0.09/21

[19.e4± 0.53/22]

19...Nf5 20.Qh3 cxb3

(Diagram)

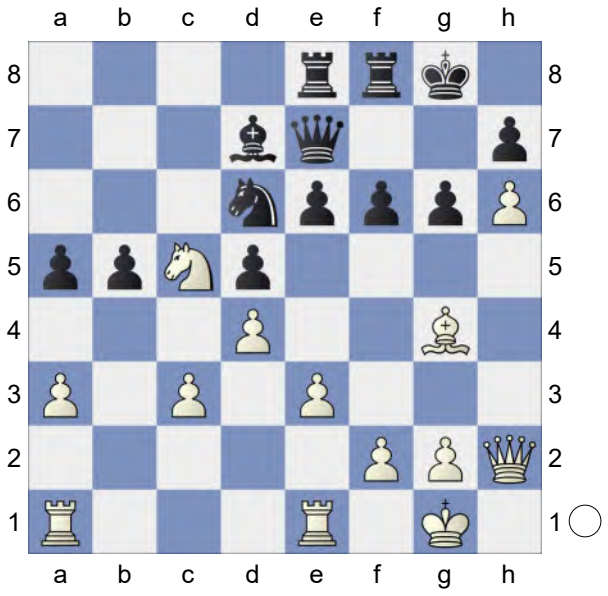


21.Nxb3 Qd8 22.Be2 Nd6 23.Nc5 Qe7 24.Qh2 f6 25.Bg4 0.30/21

[25.a4± 0.72/21]

25...Bd7 0.89/23

[25...f5= 0.30/21 26.Be2 Rc8]



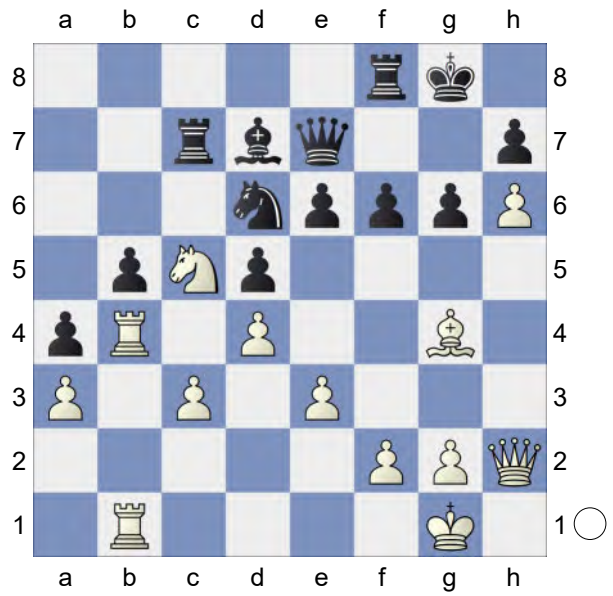
26.Rab1 a4 27.Rb4 White is much more active. **27...Rc8 28.Be2** 0.49/23

[28.Qh3± 0.92/22 Strongly threatening Nc5xd7! Kf7 29.Bf3]

28...Bc6± 29.Reb1 Rc7 0.97/24

[29...e5± 0.39/20]

30.Bg4 Bd7

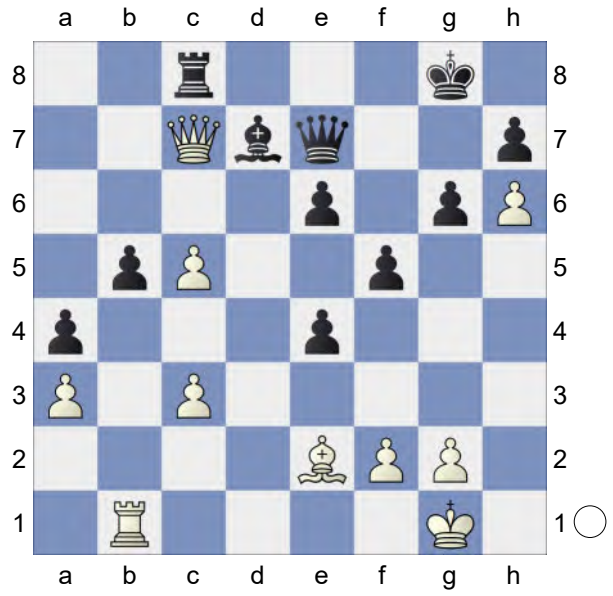


31.e4 0.38/23 **Rxc5** Remove Defender **32.dxc5 Nxe4 33.Rxe4 dxe4 34.Qc7 f5?** 2.94/24 White now steadily converts the win.

[34...Rc8= -0.01/24 35.Qb7 Kf7 *(35...Rxc5? 36.Rd1+-)*]

35.Be2 Rc8 3.26/25

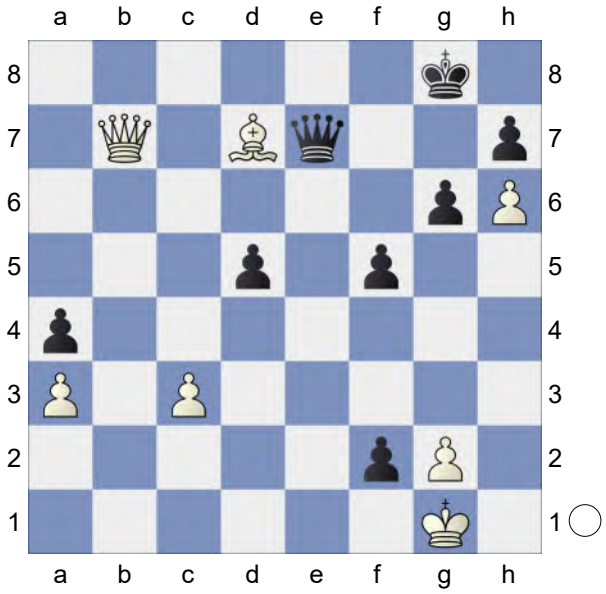
[⌓35...Kf7 2.02/21 36.c6 *(36.Bxb5 Bxb5 37.Qxe7+ Kxe7=)* 36...Bc8]



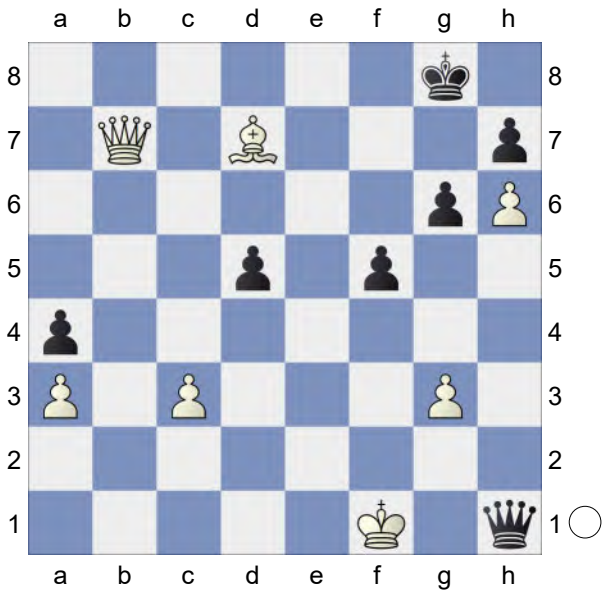
36.Qb7+- Rxc5 37.Rd1 Rd5 38.Rxd5 exd5 39.Bxb5 e3 White must now prevent ...e3xf2+. **40.Bxd7**

[40.Qxd7? Qxd7 41.Bxd7 e2-+]

40...exf2+



41.Kxf2 Endgame. **41...Qh4+ 42.g3 Qh2+ 43.Kf1 Qh1+**



44.Ke2! Qg2+ 45.Kd1 Threatening mate with Bd7-e6+. **45...Qf1+**

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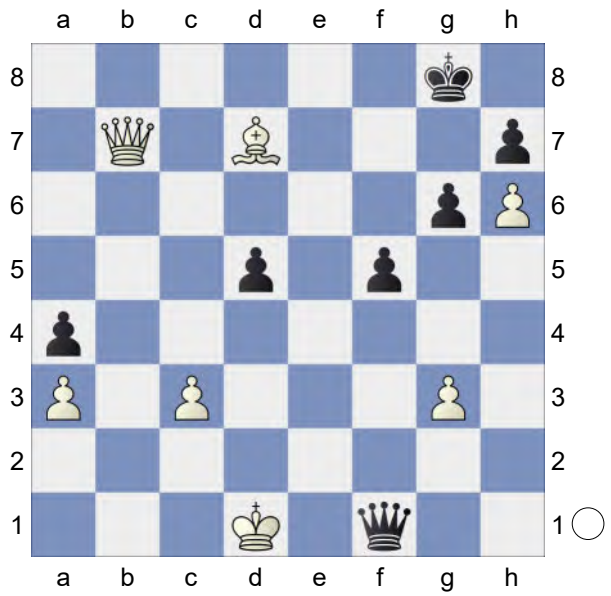
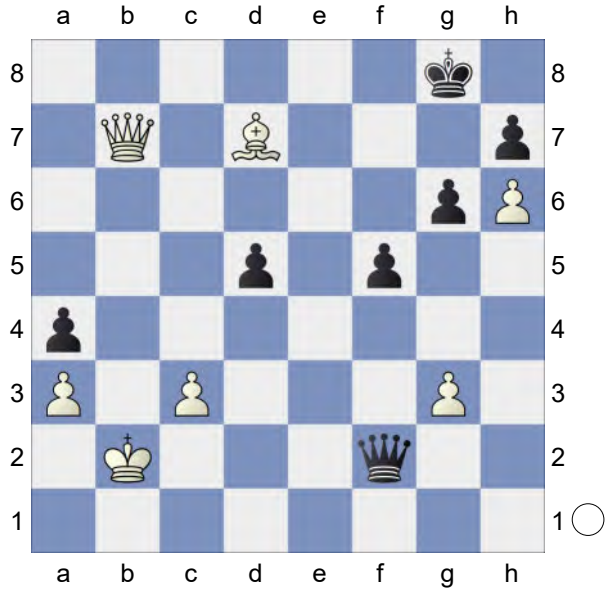


46.Kc2 Intending Bd7-e6+ and mate. **46...Qe2+ 47.Kb1** White wants to mate with Bd7-e6+! **47...Qf1+ 48.Kb2?** 0.01/26

[48.Ka2+- 3.68/29 Bd7-e6+ would kill now. Qe2+ 49.Qb2 Qc4+ 50.Ka1]

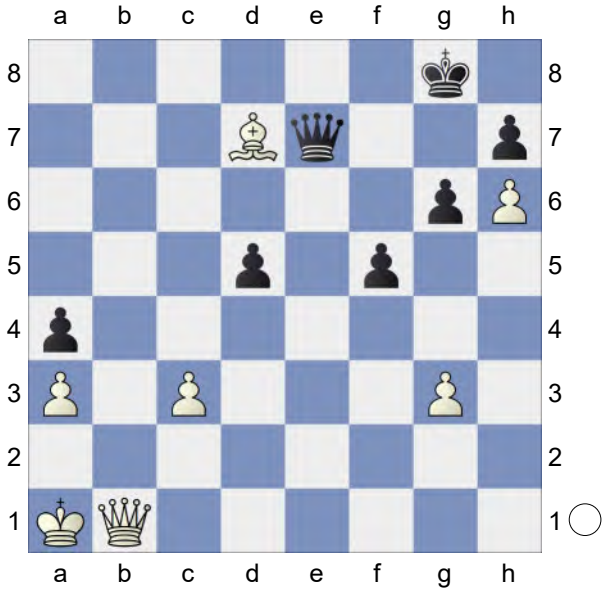
48...Qf2+? 3.76/30

[48...Qe2+= 0.01/26 and Black stays safe. 49.Ka1 Qe1+ 50.Ka2 Qe2+ 51.Qb2 Qe4]



49.Ka1! White threatens Bd7-e6+ and mate. **49...Qe1+ 50.Qb1 Qe7** 4.35/23

[50...Qxg3 2.50/22 51.Bxa4 Qxc3+ 52.Qb2 Qe1+ *(52...Qxb2+? 53.Kxb2 Kf7 54.Bb3+-)* 53.Ka2 Kf7 54.Qg7+ Ke6 55.Qd7+ *(55.Qxh7 Qf2+ 56.Kb1 Qg1+ 57.Kc2 Qc5+ 58.Kd2 Qd4+ 59.Kc1 Qa1+ 60.Kc2 Qa2+ 61.Kc3 Qxa3+ 62.Bb3 Qc5+ 63.Kd3 Qb5+ 64.Kc3 Qc5+ 65.Kb2 Qd4+ 66.Kc2 Qf2+ 67.Kc1 Qe3+ 68.Kb2 Qd2+ 69.Bc2 Qb4+ 70.Ka2 Qa5+ 71.Kb3 Qb5+ 72.Ka2 Qa5+ 73.Kb3 Qb6+ 74.Ka4 Qa6+ 75.Kb3 Qb6+ 76.Kc3 Qc5+ 77.Kb2 Qb6+ 78.Kc1 Qe3+ 79.Kb1 Qe1+ 80.Kb2 Qb4+ 81.Ka2 Qa5+=)* 55...Kf6 56.Qd8+ *(56.Qxd5 Qe2+ 57.Kb1 Qe7+-; 56.Qxh7 Qf2+ 57.Kb3 Qb6+ 58.Ka2 Qf2+ 59.Ka1 Qd4+ 60.Kb1 Qg1+ 61.Kb2 Qd4+ 62.Kb3 Qb6+ 63.Kc2 Qf2+ 64.Kd3 Qf1+ 65.Kc2 Qf2+ 66.Kd3 Qf1+ 67.Kc2 Qc4+ 68.Kb1 Qxa4=)* 56...Qe7 57.Qxe7+ *(57.Qxd5 Qe2+ 58.Kb1 Qe7+-)* 57...Kxe7]



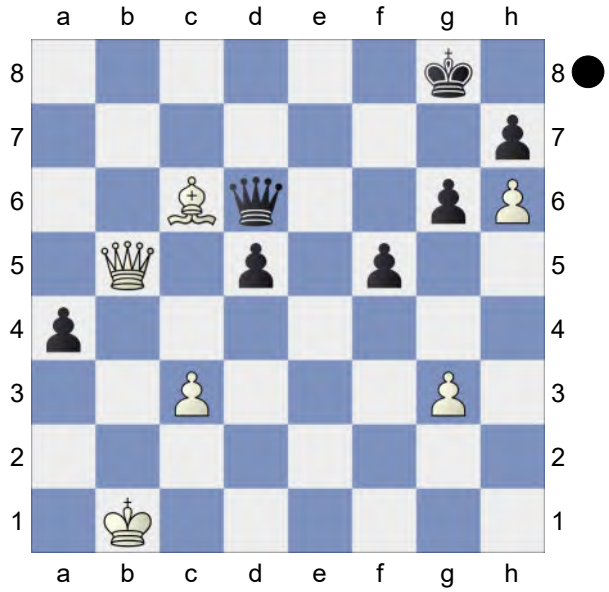
51.Qb5 White is clearly winning.

[51.Bxa4 Qxa3+ 52.Qa2 Qc1+ 53.Qb1 Qa3+ 54.Qa2 Qc1+ 55.Qb1

Qa3+=]
[Resist 51.Qb8+ Kf7 52.Qb7 *(52.Bxa4 Qxa3+ 53.Kb1 Qxa4=)* 52...Kf6 53.Qc6+ *(53.Qxd5 Qxa3+ 54.Kb1 Qxc3±)* 53...Kg5+-]

51...Qxa3+ 10.30/5
[⌓51...Qe1+ 4.98/24 52.Ka2 Qd2+ 53.Qb2 Qxh6 54.Qb8+ *(54.Bxa4 Qh1+-; 54.Be6+ Kf8+-)* 54...Qf8 55.Qxf8+ Kxf8 56.Bxa4 Kf7]

52.Kb1 Qd6 53.Bc6



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3 **D38**
□ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2741**
■ **Navara,D.** **2677**
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D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5**

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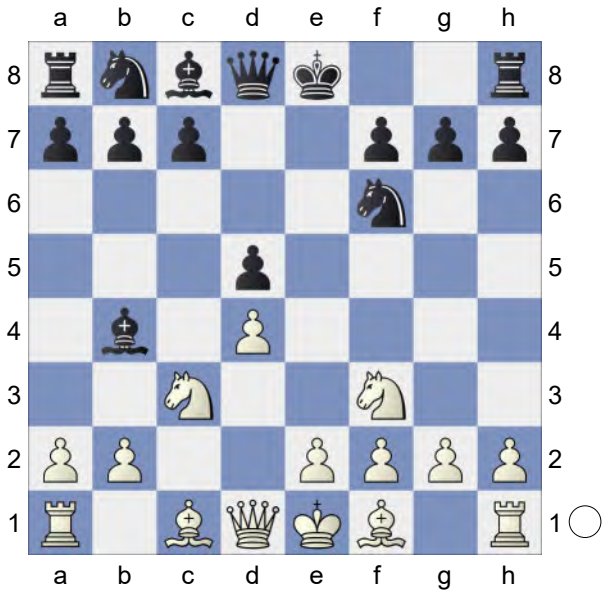


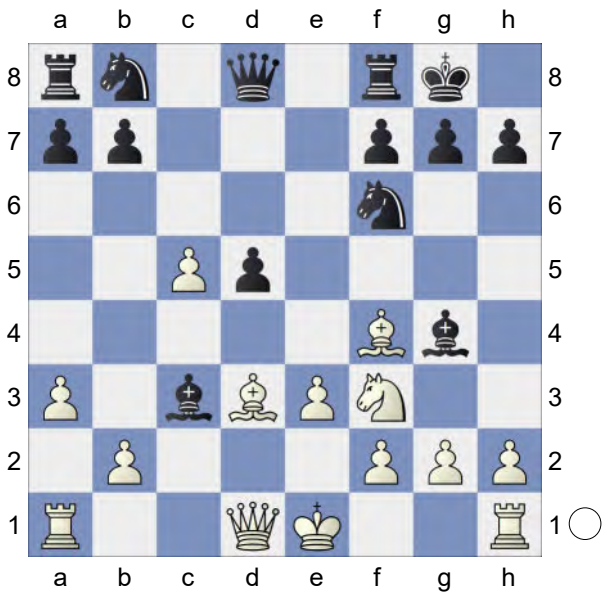
6.Bf4 0-0 7.e3 c5
[7...Bf5 8.Qb3 Nc6 9.Nh4 Be6 10.Bd3 a5 11.0-0 Nh5 12.Bg3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Be7 14.Nf3 Nb4 15.Be2 c5 16.a3 c4 17.Qd1 Na6 18.b3 Nc7 19.bxc4 dxc4 20.a4 Bb4 21.Qc2 Bxc3 22.Qxc3 1-0 Carlsen,M (2863)-Firouzja,A (2728) Carlsen Inv Prelim chess24.com INT rapid 2020 (2.3)]

8.Bd3
[8.dxc5 Nc6 9.Be2 Qa5 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qxc5 12.Rc1 Bf5 13.Nd4 Bg6 14.c4 Nxd4 15.exd4 Qa5 16.Qb3 Nh5 17.Bxh5 Bxh5 18.Bd6 dxc4 19.Rxc4 Rfe8 20.Rc7 Re6 21.Qxb7 Rae8 22.Be5 1-0 Zhu,M (2264)-Carrillo Montes,I (1811) 458 Linz 2015 (1)]

8...Bg4N
[8...c4 9.Bc2 Qa5 10.0-0 *(10.Qd2 Nbd7 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Ne1 Nf6* #2 4) 6.Bf4-6.Bf4 O-O 7.e3 *)* 10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qxc3 12.Ne5 Re8 #1 4) 6.Bf4-6.Bf4 O-O 7.e3]

9.a3 Ba5 10.dxc5 Black should prevent b2-b4. **10...Bxc3+**

(Diagram)



11.bxc3 Qa5 Repels Qd1-a4. Black is weak on the dark squares **12.Qb3 Nbd7** 0.59/21

[12...Na6= 0.01/22]

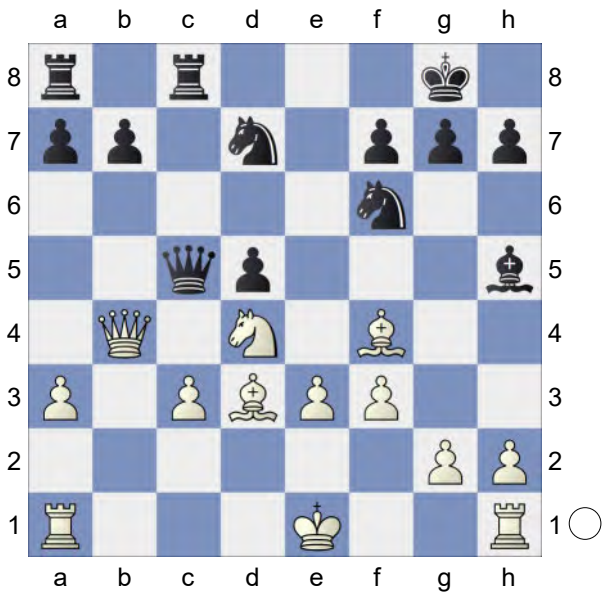
13.Qb4± Qxc5 14.Nd4

[14.Qxb7? Qxc3+ *(14...Bxf3? 15.0-0-+)* 15.Ke2 Qxd3+ 16.Kxd3 Nc5+ 17.Ke2 Nxb7-+]

14...Rfc8 15.f3

[15.Qxb7? Qxc3+ 16.Kf1 Qc1+ 17.Rxc1 Rxc1#]

15...Bh5

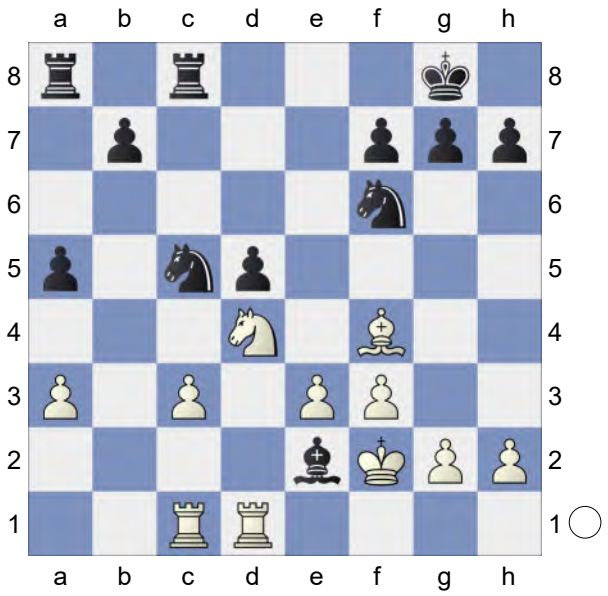


16.Rc1 -0.07/22

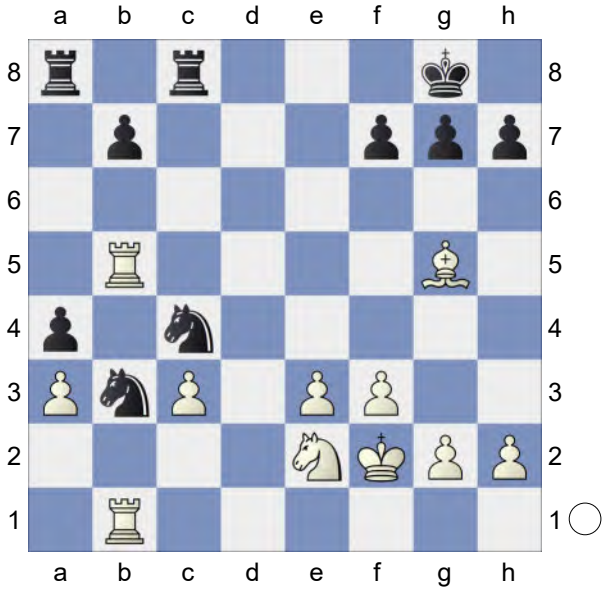
[16.Qxb7? Qxc3+ 17.Ke2 Qxd3+ 18.Kxd3 Nc5+ 19.Ke2 Nxb7-+]

[16.Nf5± 0.55/21 Qxc3+ 17.Ke2]

16...Bg6= 17.Be2 a5 18.Qxc5 Nxc5 19.Kf2 Bd3 20.Rhd1 Bxe2



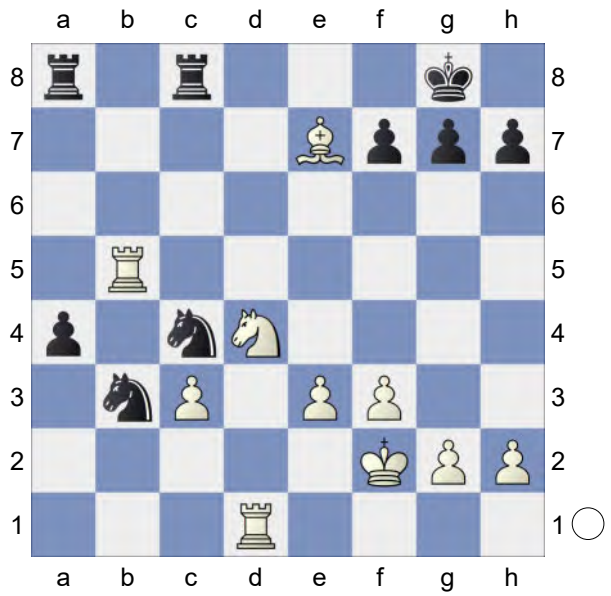
21.Nxe2 Nb3 22.Rb1 a4 23.Bg5 Nd7 24.Rxd5 Nb6 25.Rb5 Nc4



26.Be7

[26.Rxb7? Nc5 27.Re7 Kf8-+]

26...b6 27.Rd1 Nc5! 28.Nd4 Nxa3 Excellent horsemanship. **29.Rxb6** Threatens to win with Rb6-c6. **29...Nc4 30.Rb5 Nb3**



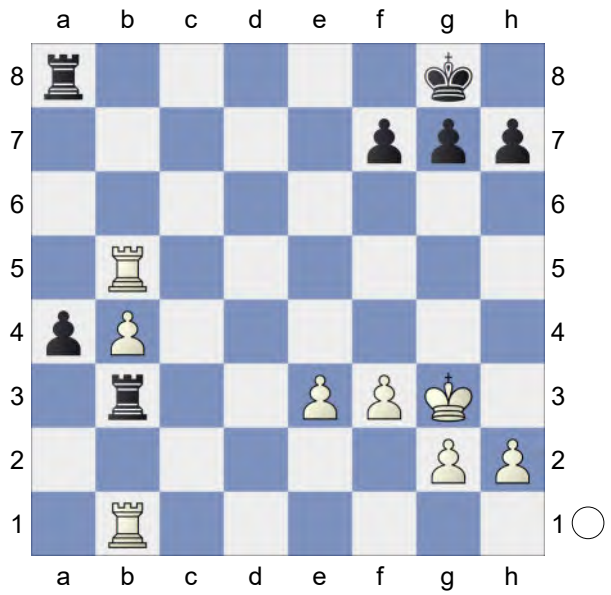
31.Bb4 Nb2 32.Rb1↑ White has some pressure. **32...Nd3+ 33.Kg3 Nxb4** 0.88/25

[33...Nxd4!= 0.07/23 keeps the balance. 34.exd4 Ra6]

34.cxb4±

[34.Rxb4 Rxc3 35.Nxb3 axb3=]

34...Rc3 35.Nxb3 Rxb3

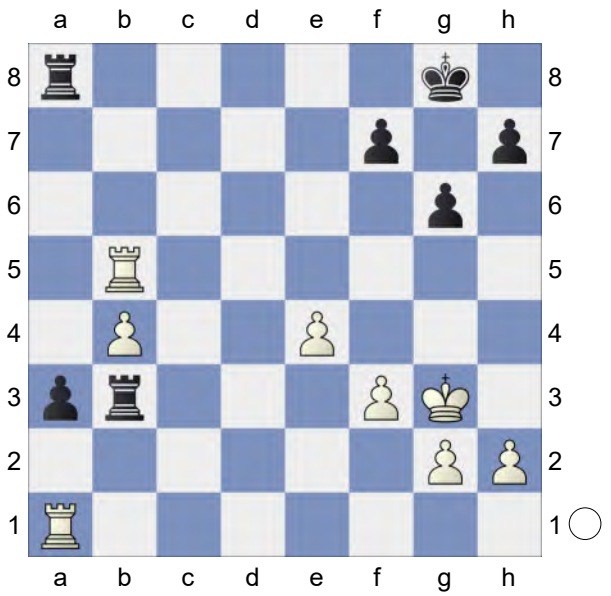


Endgame. KRR-KRR **36.Ra1 g6**

[36...Rxe3 37.Rxa4 Rae8 38.Ra7±]

37.e4 a3

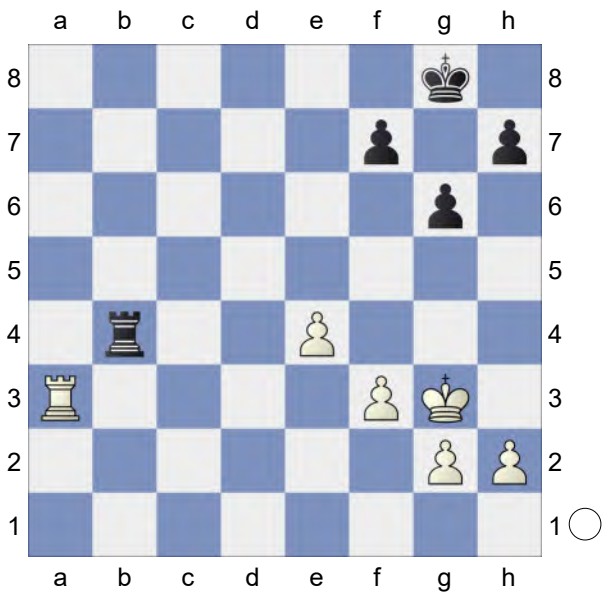
(Diagram)



38.Ra5! Rb8

[38...Rxa5? 39.bxa5 Rb7 40.Rxa3+- *(40.a6 Ra7+-)*]

39.R1xa3 Rxa3 40.Rxa3 Rxb4



KR-KR **41.Ra2 Kg7 42.Kf4 h5 43.h3 Rb5 44.Rd2 Ra5 45.Rd7 Ra2**

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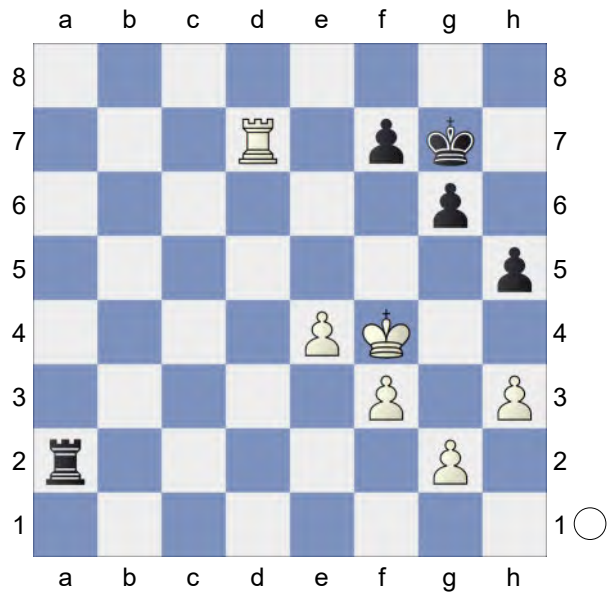
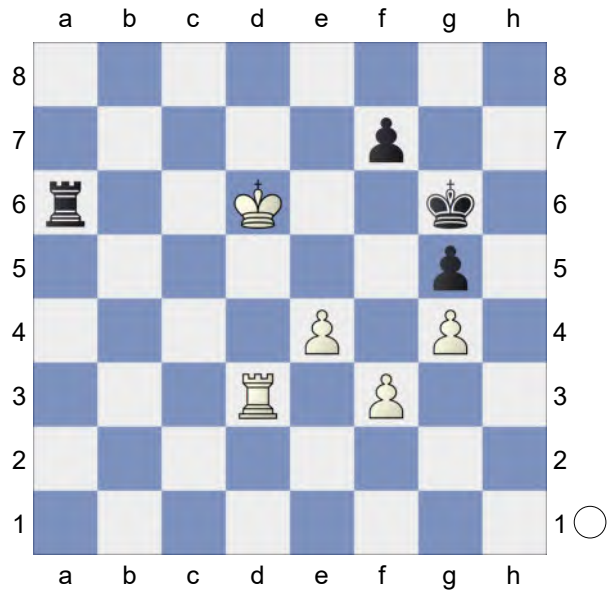


46.g4 hxg4 47.hxg4 Ra4 48.Ke5 0.33/28

[48.Rd1± 0.89/28]

48...g5!± 49.Rd3 Kg6 50.Kd6 Ra6+



51.Ke7 0.24/30

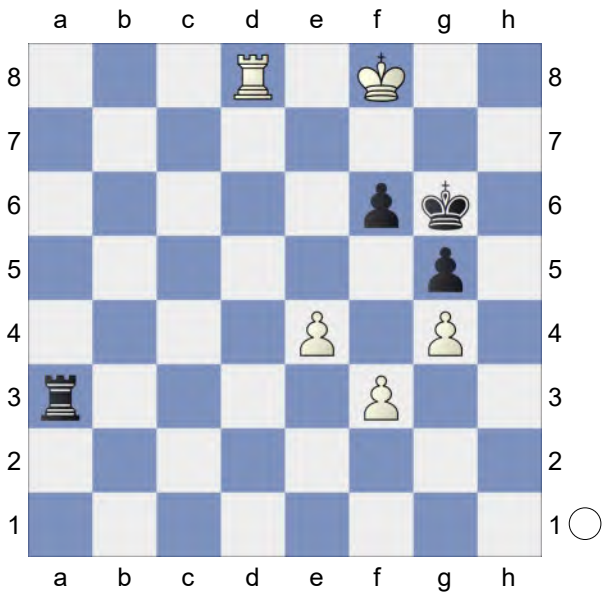
[51.Kc5± 0.61/28 should be considered. f6 52.Kd4]

51...Ra7+= 52.Ke8 Ra8+ 53.Rd8 0.01/34

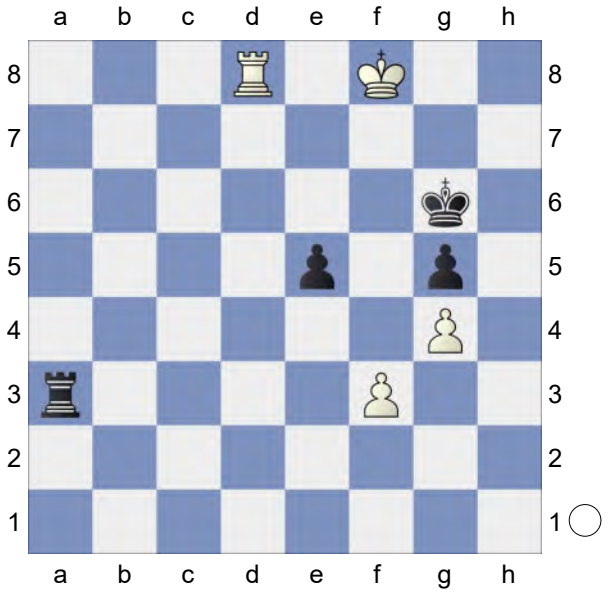
[White should play 53.Kd7± 0.55/32]

53...Ra3 54.Kf8 f6!

(Diagram)



55.e5! fxe5



56.Rd6+ Kh7 57.Rf6 Ra8+ 58.Kf7 Ra7+ 0.61/33

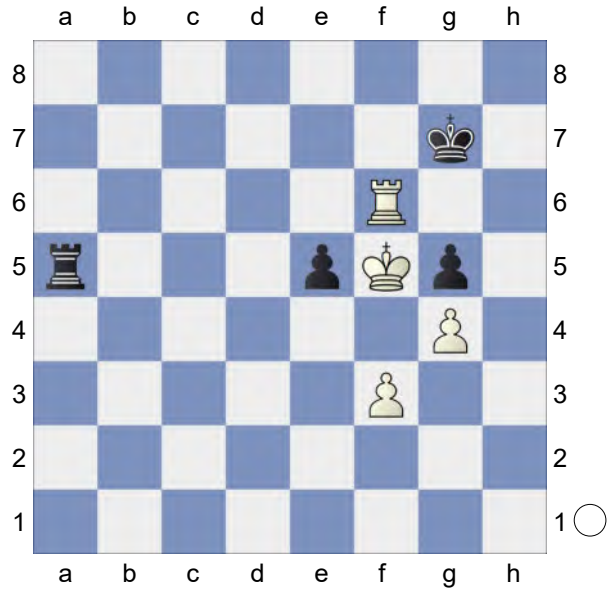
[58...Ra3= 0.01/33]

59.Ke6± Kg7 Inhibits Rf6-f7+. **60.Kf5!** Strongly threatening Rf6-g6+.

[60.Kxe5 is a self mate. Ra5+ 61.Ke6 Ra6+ 62.Kf5 Rxf6+ 63.Ke4 Rf4+ 64.Ke5 Rxf3 65.Ke6 Rf4 66.Ke5 Kf7 *(66...Rxg4 67.Kf5 Rf4+ 68.Ke5 Ra4 69.Kd6 g4 70.Ke7 g3 71.Kd6 g2 72.Kc6 Rh4 73.Kd5 g1Q 74.Kc6 Qc1+ 75.Kd6 Rd4+ 76.Ke6*

Qc6+ 77.Kf5 Qf6#) 67.Kd6 Rxg4 68.Kd5 Ra4 69.Kc5 g4 70.Kb5 Rf4 *(70...g3 71.Kxa4 g2 72.Kb5 g1Q 73.Kc4 Qe3 74.Kb5 Ke6 75.Kc4 Kd6 76.Kb4 Kd5 77.Ka5 Qb3 78.Ka6 Kc6 79.Ka7 Qb7#)* 71.Kc6 g3 72.Kd6 g2 *(72...Rf6+ 73.Kd5 g2 74.Kc4 g1Q 75.Kd3 Rf4 76.Ke2 Qg3 77.Kd1 Qg2 78.Ke1 Rf1#)* 73.Ke5 Rb4 *(73...g1Q 74.Kxf4 Qe1 75.Kf3 Kf6 76.Kg2 Qe2+ 77.Kh3 Kg5 78.Kg3 Kf5 79.Kh3 Kf4 80.Kh4 Qh2#)* 74.Kd6 g1Q *(74...g1R* leads to mate. *75.Kc5 Rgb1 76.Kd6 Rc1 77.Ke5 Rd1 78.Kf5 Rd5#)* 75.Kc6 Qb6+ 76.Kd5 Rd4+ 77.Ke5 Qf6#]

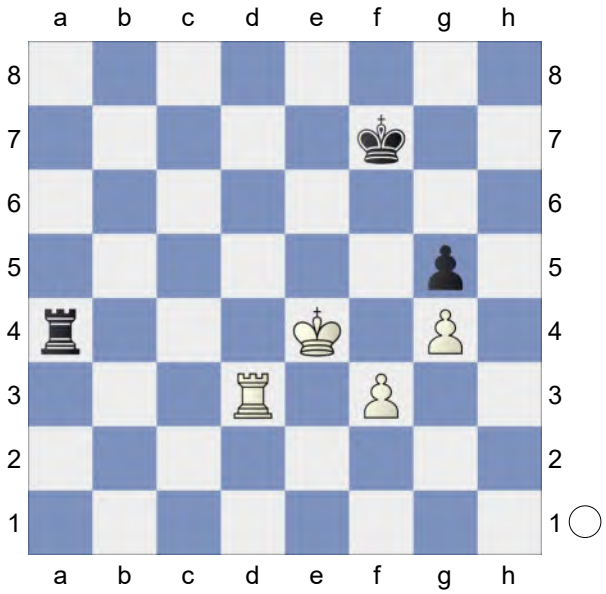
60...Ra5



61.Rg6+ Kf7 (→ ...e5-e4+!) **62.Rd6**
[Much weaker is 62.Rf6+ Kg7 63.Rg6+ Kf8=]

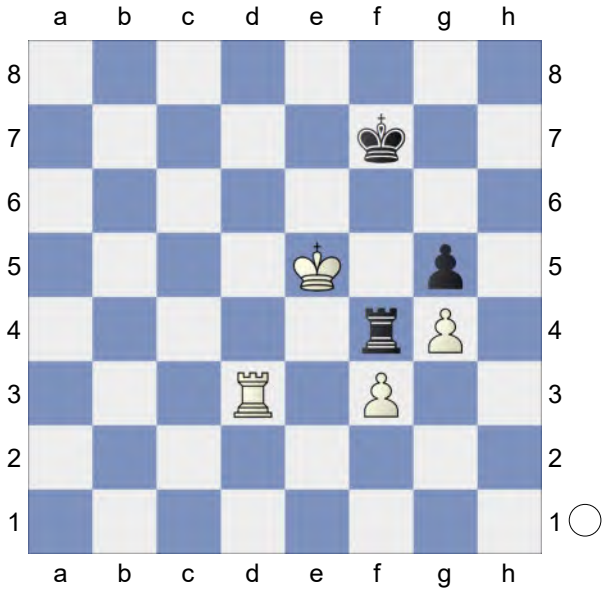
62...e4+ Decoy **63.Kxe4** Hoping for Rd6-d5. **63...Ra4+ 64.Rd4 Ra3 65.Rd3 Ra4+**

(Diagram)



66.Ke5 0.03/35
[White should try 66.Ke3± 0.60/36]

66...Rf4



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½-½

4 **D20**
□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2739**
■ **Giri,A.** **2728**
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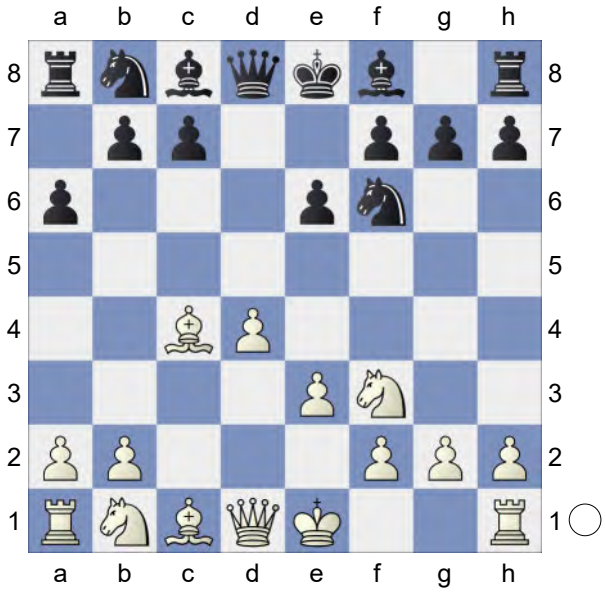
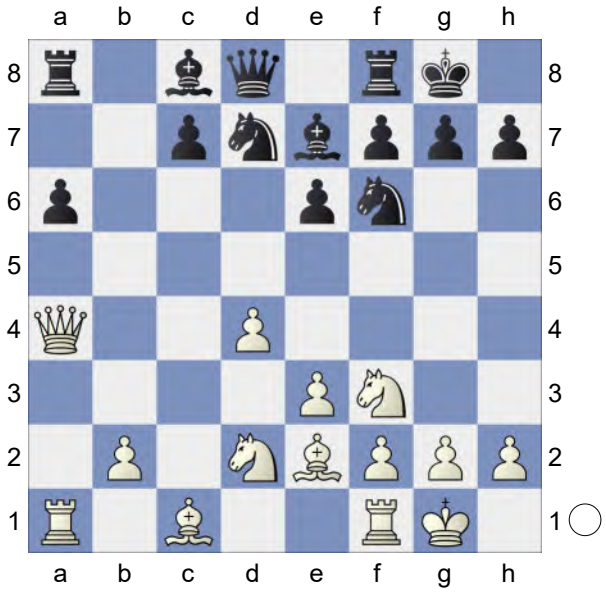
[Kitty Kat]

D26: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 4 e3 e6 5 Bxc5 c5 sidelines **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bxc4 e6 5.Nf3 a6**

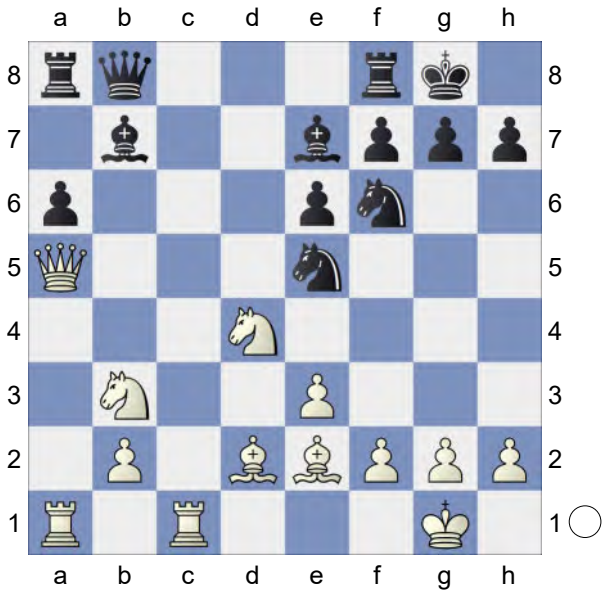


6.0-0 Be7N
[6...Nbd7 7.a4 b6 8.Nc3 Bb7 9.e4 *(9.Qe2 Bb4 10.Rd1 0-0 11.d5 exd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Bxd5 14.Rxd5 Qe7 15.e4 Nc5 16.Qc4 a5 17.e5 Qe6 18.Nd4 Qg6 19.Be3 Qe4 20.b3 Bc3 21.Rd1 Bxd4 22.R5xd4 Qb7 23.f4 Qa6* ½-½ Lekic,D (2331)-Skvortsov,A (2313) MNT-chT Herceg Novi 2023 (7.2)*)* 9...Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Bxe4 11.d5 *(11.Ng5 Bg6 12.Qf3 Be7 13.Qc6 0-0 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Bxe6+ Kh8 16.Bxd7 Bd6 17.Be3 Qe7 18.Bg4 Be4 19.Qd7 Qf6 20.Qe6 Rae8 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Bh5 Bg6 23.Bf3 Be4 24.Bh5 Bg6 25.Be2 a5* ½-½ Inarkiev,E (2688)-Harikrishna, P (2705) 48th Capablanca Mem Elite Havana CUB 2013 (5.3)*)* 11...e5 12.d6 Bxd6 13.Bxf7+ Kxf7 14.Ng5+ Ke7 15.Nxe4 h6 16.Qg4 Qg8 17.Nxd6 cxd6 18.Be3 g5 19.Qb4 a5 20.Qb5 Rc8 21.Rfc1 1-0 Skarke,H (2541)-Wiacek,K (2481) 113/108 Rogaska Slatina 2011 (4.2)]
7.Nbd2 b5 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.a4 The position is equal. **9...bxa4** 0.64/20
[Black should try 9...b4= 0.11/19]
10.Qxa4± 0-0

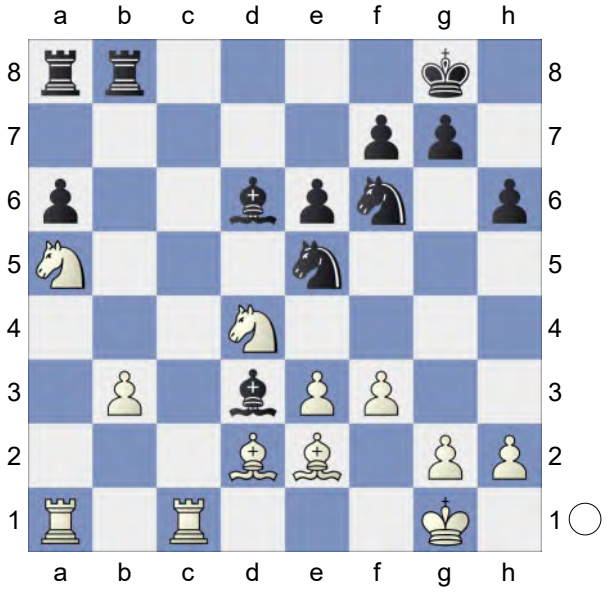


11.Nb3 White is more active. **11...c5 12.Bd2 cxd4 13.Nfxd4** aiming for Nd4-c6. **13...Ne5 14.Rfc1 Bb7 15.Qa5 Qb8**

(Diagram)

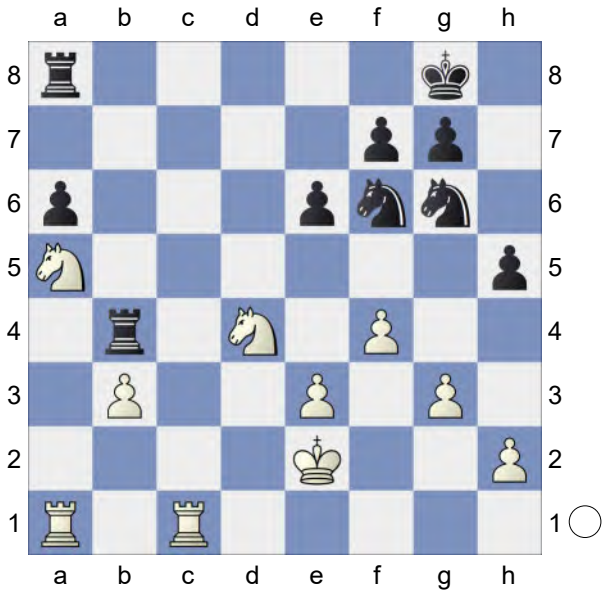


16.Qc7 0.32/20
[16.Nc5± 0.72/20 Nc5xb7 would now be deadly. Bxc5 17.Rxc5]
16...Bd6 17.Qxb8 Rfxb8 18.Na5 Be4 19.b3 h6 20.f3 Bd3

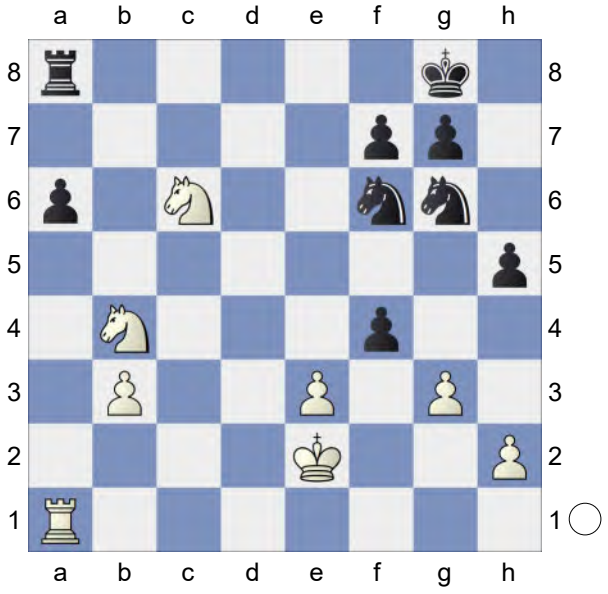


21.Kf1 Bb4 22.Bxb4 Rxb4 23.f4 Bxe2+ 24.Kxe2 Ng6 25.g3 h5

(Diagram)

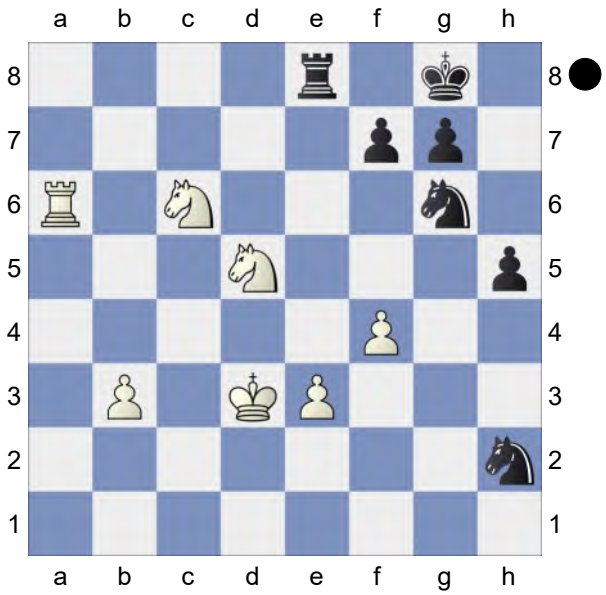


26.Rc4 Rbb8 27.Nac6 Rb6 28.Rb4 Rxb4 29.Nxb4 e5 30.Ndc6
[30.Rxa6? Rxa6 31.Nxa6 exd4 32.exd4 Kf8-+]
30...exf4

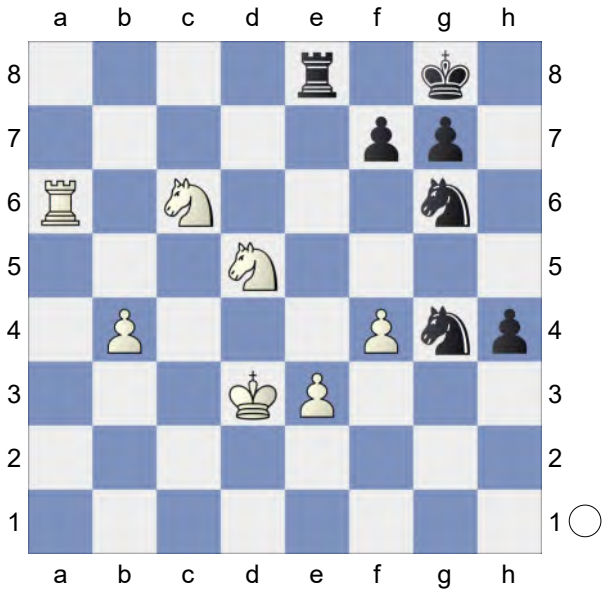


31.gxf4 0.23/21
[31.Nxa6 Re8 32.gxf4 Nxf4+ 33.Kd2 Ne4+ 34.Kc2 Nd5∓]
[Better is 31.exf4± 0.82/23 Re8+ 32.Kd3]
31...Re8= 32.Kd3
[32.Rxa6 Nxf4+ 33.Kd2 Ne4+ 34.Kc2 Ng2]

32...Ng4 33.Nd5
[33.Rxa6? perishes. Rxe3+
(33...Nxe3 34.Ne5∓) 34.Kc4 Nxf4-+
(34...Nxh2 35.Nd5∓)]
33...Nxh2 34.Rxa6



b3-b4 is the strong threat. **34...Ng4 35.b4 h4**



36.b5 h3 37.b6 And now b6-b7 would win. **37...h2 38.Ra1**

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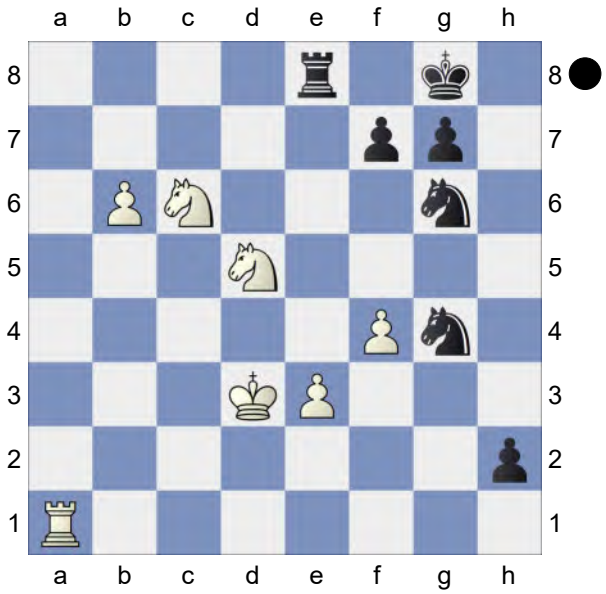
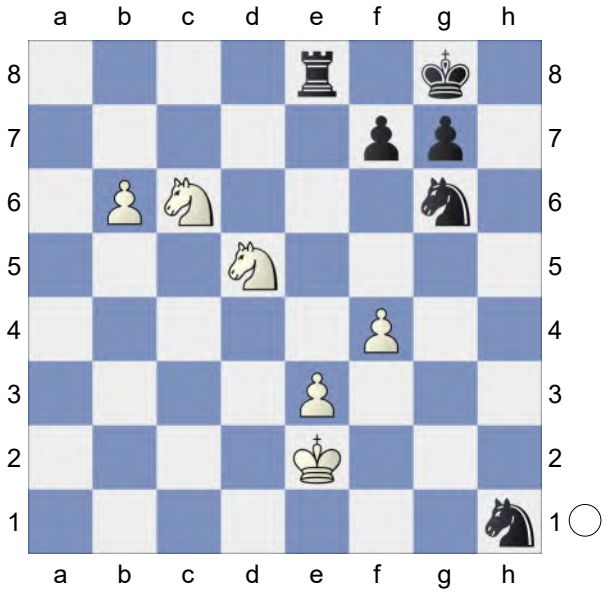


Threatens to win with b6-b7. **38...Nf2+ 39.Ke2 h1Q 40.Rxh1 Nxh1**



41.b7 Hoping for Ke2-f3. **41...Ng3+**

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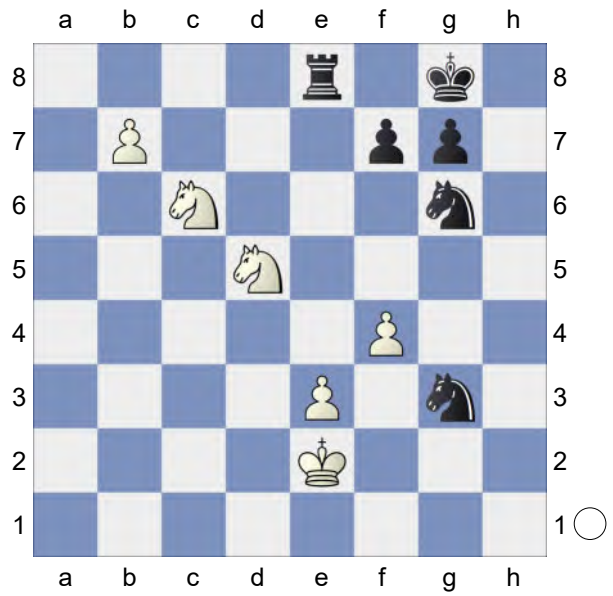

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5 **E32**
□ **Keymer,Vincent** **2731**
■ **Wei Yi** **2755**
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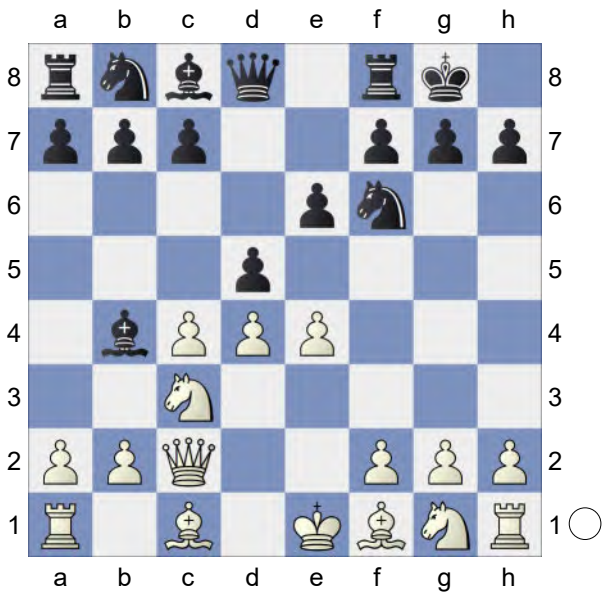
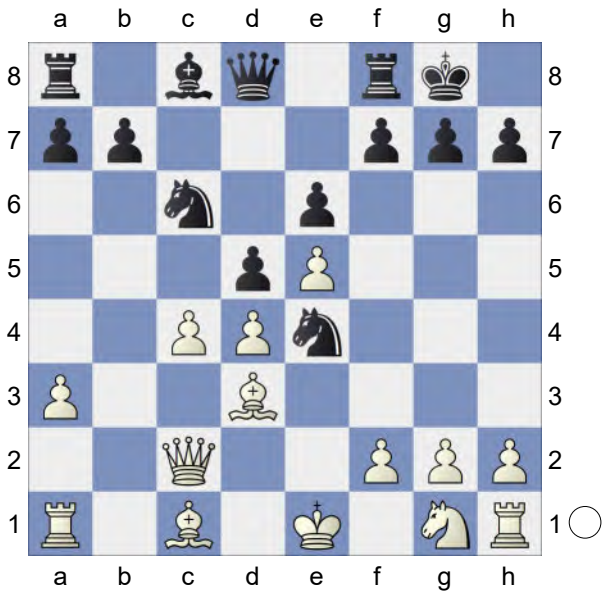
[Kitty Kat]

E32: Nimzo-Indian: Classical (4 Qc2): 4... 0-0 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.e4 d5**

(Diagram)

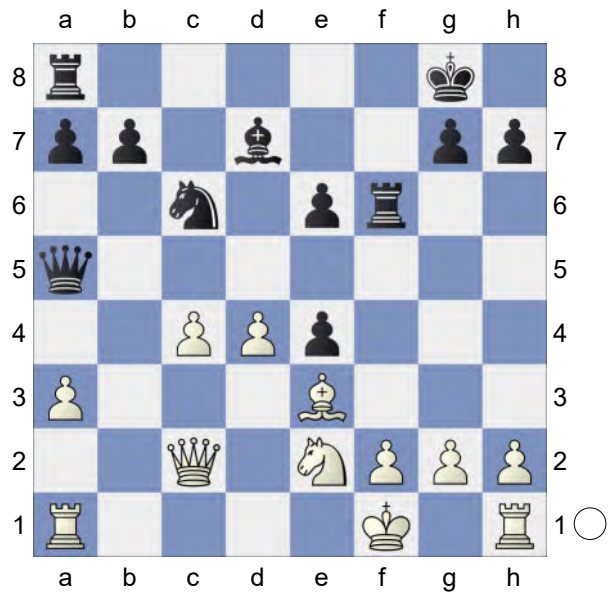


6.e5 Ne4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 c5 9.Bd3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6



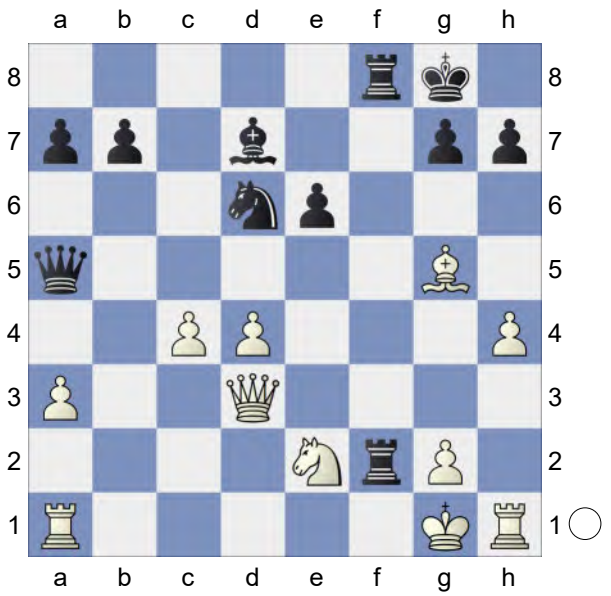
11.Ne2 Qa5+ 12.Kf1 f6 The position is equal.
[12...Nb4 13.axb4 Qxa1 14.f3]
13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.Be3 Bd7

(Diagram)

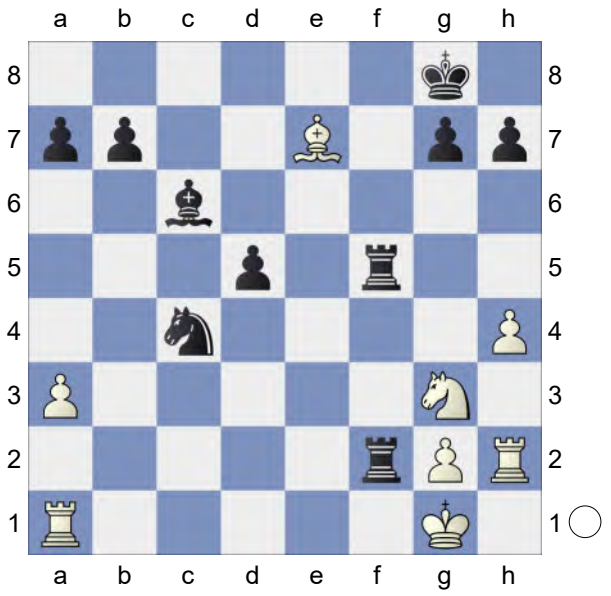


16.Kg1N
[16.Qxe4 Qa6∓]
[16.Ng3 Raf8 17.Nxe4 Rg6 18.f3 Qh5 19.Qf2 Na5 20.Ng3 Qh4 21.Ne2 Qe7 22.Nf4 Rg5 23.Nd3 Rgf5 24.Ne5 Nxc4 25.Nxc4 Bb5 26.Qe2 Rc8 27.Rc1 Qc7 28.Kf2 Bxc4 29.Qd2 b5 30.h4 Rcf8 ½-½ Pham Tran Gia Phuc (2445)-Manish Anto,C (2296) Masters Open 2024 Doha QAT (4.41)]
16...Raf8 17.h4 Ne7 18.Qxe4 Nf5 19.Bg5 -0.10/22
[19.Qxb7? Nxe3 20.fxe3 Qd2-+]
[⌓19.Bf4 0.27/19]
19...Nd6= Discovered Attack, Double Attack **20.Qd3½** White puts up resistance **20...Rxf2** 0.38/20
[20...R6f7= -0.01/23 deserves consideration.]

(Diagram)

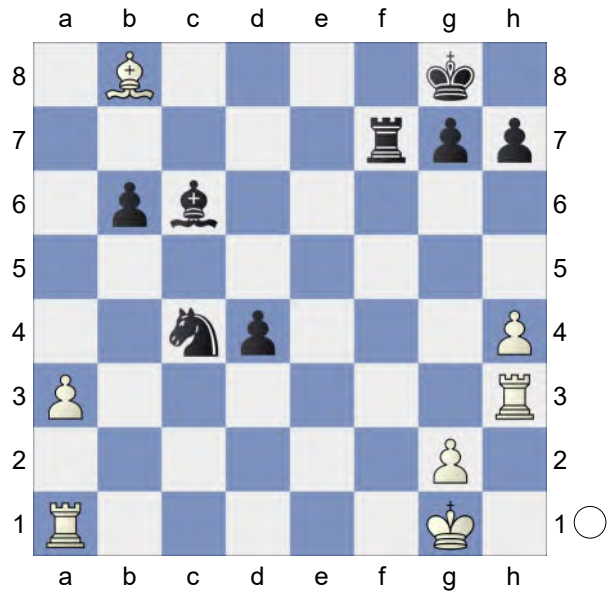


21.Be7!± Bc6 22.Rh2 Dancing on a razor blade.
[22.Bxf8 Rxg2+ 23.Kf1 Be4= *(23...Kxf8? 24.d5+-* Decoy *)*]
22...Qf5 23.Qxf5 R8xf5 24.d5 exd5 ...Nd6-c8 would now be deadly.
[24...Nxc4? 25.dxc6 bxc6 *(25...Rxe2? 26.g4+-)* 26.Nd4+-]
25.Ng3 Nxc4

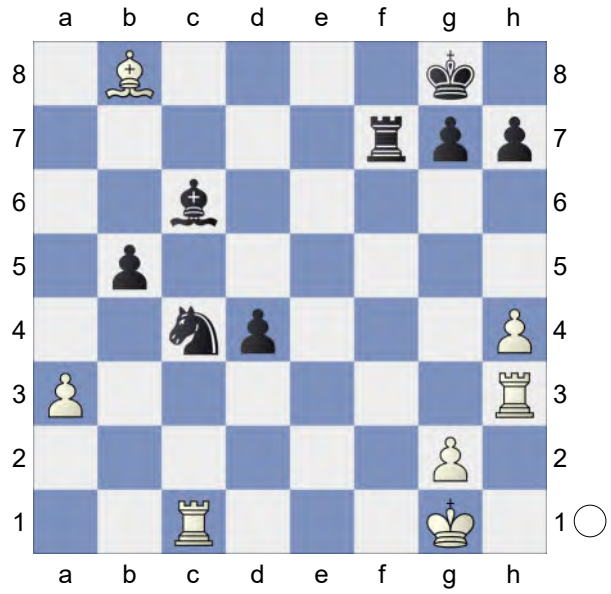


Threatens to win with ...Rf5-f7. **26.Bc5 R2f4 27.Nxf5 Rxf5 28.Bxa7 b6** 0.71/23
[28...Rf4= 0.13/21 remains equal.]

29.Rh3 0.07/20
[29.Rc1!± 0.71/23]
29...Rf7!= 30.Bb8 d4 1.64/23
[30...Rd7± 0.44/23]

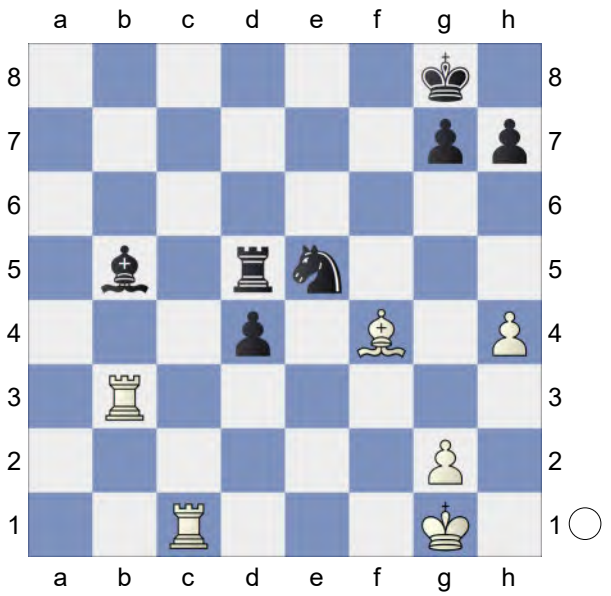


31.Rc1!+- b5

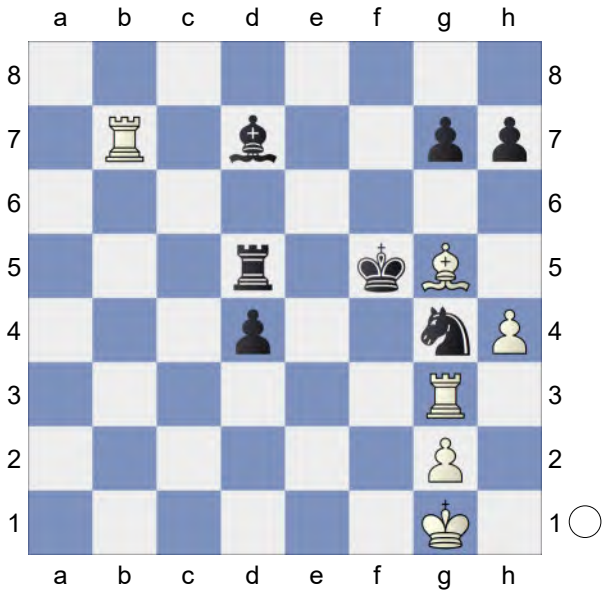


32.a4! Rd7 ...d4-d3 is the strong threat.
[32...h6 33.axb5]
33.axb5! Bxb5 34.Rb3 Rd5 35.Bf4!
And now Rb3xb5! would win. **35...Ne5**

(Diagram)

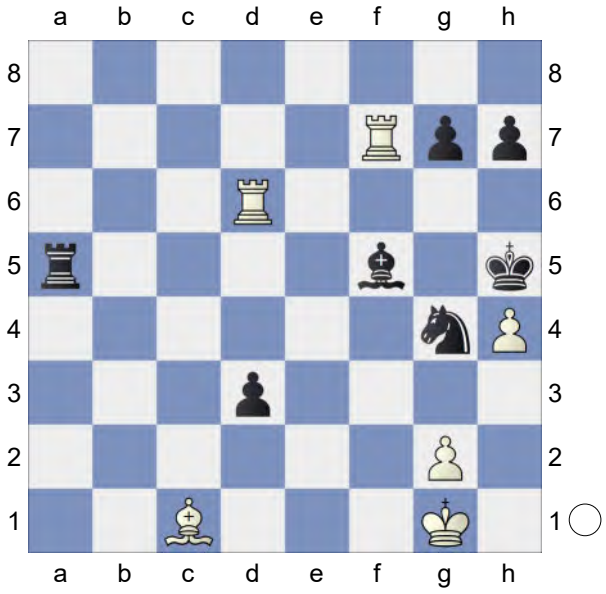


36.Rc8+ 1.15/22
[36.Bxe5+- 1.74/23 Rxe5 37.Rcb1]
36...Kf7± 37.Rc7+ Kf6 38.Rb7 0.71/21
[⌓38.Bg5+ 1.15/20 Kg6 39.Bd2]
38...Bd7 39.Rg3 Ng4 1.22/20
[⌓39...g6 0.83/21]
40.Bg5+
[40.Rxd7 Rxd7 41.h5 *(41.Rxg4? Kf5-+* Deflection *)* 41...Kf5∓]
40...Kf5



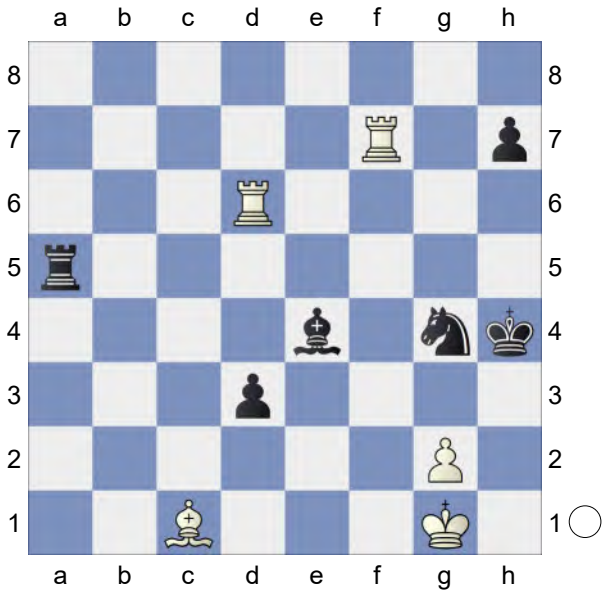
41.Rf3+ Kg6 42.Rb6+ Kh5 43.Rf7 0.49/23
[White should play 43.Bf4± 1.00/23]

43...Ra5 0.91/23
[43...h6± 0.49/23 44.Rxg7 Ra5]
44.Rd6 0.36/24
[44.Rxd7? gets mated. Ra1+]
[44.Rb1± 0.91/23 h6 45.Rxd7 *(45.Rxg7 Bc6±)* 45...hxg5 46.Rxg7 *(46.hxg5 Ra2=)*]
44...Bf5± (→ ...Ra5-a1+) **45.Bc1!**
[45.Rxd4? Ra1+]
45...d3

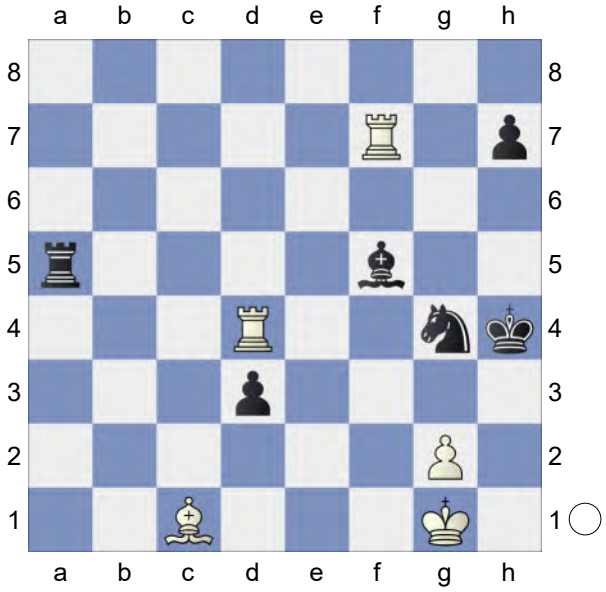


46.Rxg7 Hoping for Rg7-g5+. **46...Kxh4**
47.Rf7 0.33/20 White is more active.
[White should try 47.Re7!± 0.79/24]
47...Be4? 1.94/24
[47...Re5± 0.33/20 48.Bd2 Re2]

(Diagram)



A mistake that costs the game.
48.Rd4!+- Bf5 2.30/24
[⌓48...Ra1 1.87/25 49.Rf1 Ra2 50.Rxe4 d2 51.Bxd2 Rxd2]



49.Rf4! d2 50.Bxd2
[50.R4xf5 leads to mate. dxc1Q+ *(50...dxc1R+? 51.Rf1-+)* 51.Rf1 Qe3+ 52.Kh1 Rh5 53.R7f3 Kg5+ 54.Rh3 Rxh3+ 55.gxh3 Qxh3+ 56.Kg1 Qh2#]
50...Ra1+

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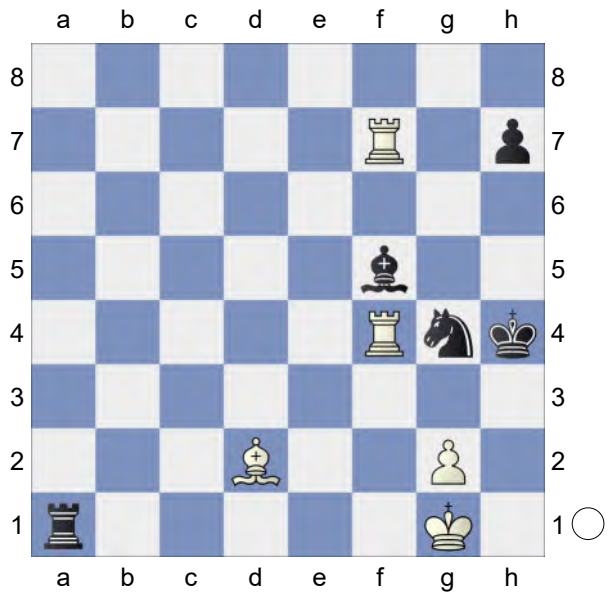
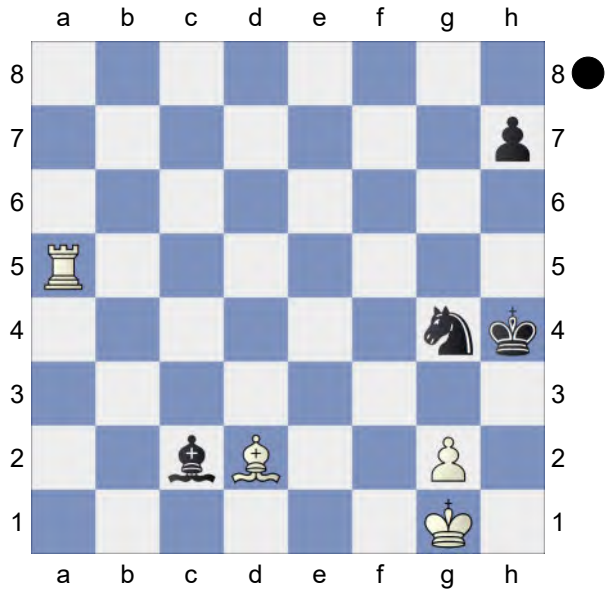


51.Rf1 Rxf1+ 52.Kxf1 Bd3+ 53.Kg1 Be4 4.21/29 Inhibits Rf7-f3.
[53...Kh5 2.21/22 might work better. 54.Rd7 Be4]
54.Ra7 Bc2? 6.37/27
[54...h6 3.89/29 55.Ra4 Bb1]
55.Ra5



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6 **E94**
□ **Nguyen,Thai Dai Van** **2668**
■ **Shankland,S.** **2670**
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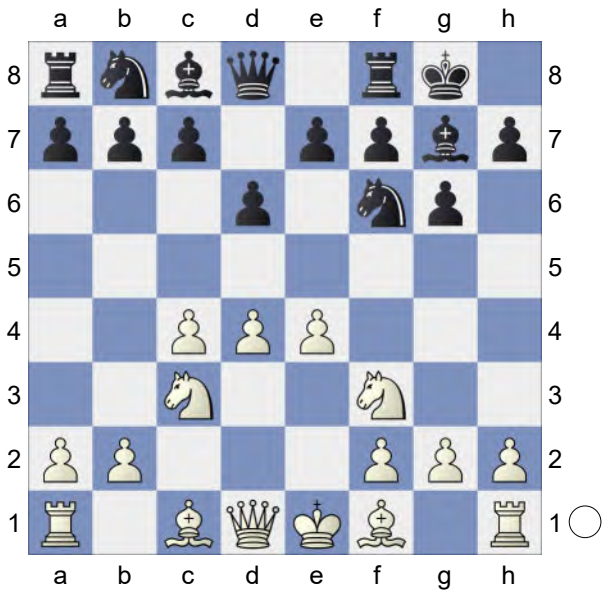
[Kitty Kat]

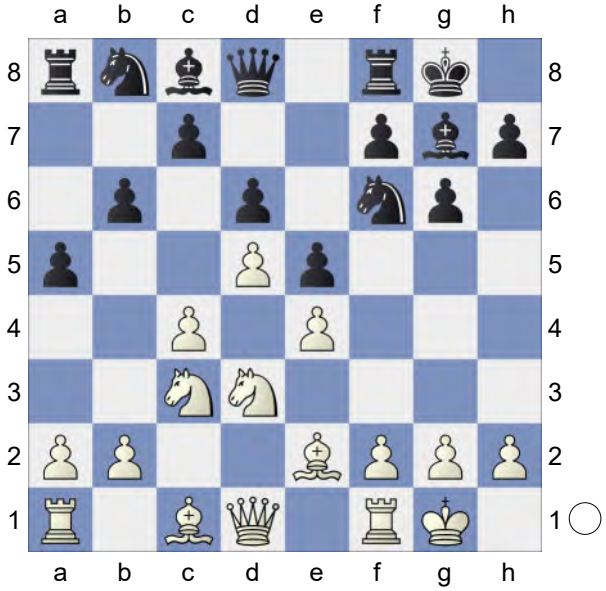
E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0**



6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Bg4 8.d5 a5 9.Ne1 Bc8N
[9...Bd7 10.Nd3 Na6 11.Bg5 *(11.Be3 b6 12.f3 Nc5 13.b3 Nh5* The Classical Variations-18. Classical Main Line *)* 11...h6 12.Be3 b6 13.Qd2 Kh7 14.f4 exf4 15.Rxf4 Qe7 16.Raf1 g5 17.R4f2 Rae8 18.Bf3 Ng4 19.Bxg4 Bxg4 20.h3 Bh5 21.e5 Bg6 22.Rf5 Nb4 23.Nxb4 axb4 24.Ne4 0-1 7.?b3_62409 (2452)-6.?a3 cd4 7.cd4 ?d7 (2632) 63/406 Haifa 1995 (4)]
[9...Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Na6 11.Nd3 *(11.Be3 Nd7 12.Nd3 f5 13.f3 b6 14.Rab1 Ndc5 15.Nf2 Qh4 16.b3 Bh6 17.a3 a4 18.b4 Nb3 19.Nxa4*

Nd4 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.g3 Qh5 22.Qd3 Be3 23.f4 Qf3 24.Qd1 Qxe4 25.Nb2 Nb8 ½-½ 3.Bh4 Nh6! (2580)-Gonzales Abreo,P (2382) British CF-44 Championship Plymouth/ Devon 1957 (3.1)*)* 11...b6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bd2 Nd7 14.Rab1 Ndc5 15.Nxc5 Nxc5 16.Be3 f5 17.Rfd1 f4 18.Bxc5 f3 19.gxf3 bxc5 20.Kh1 Kh7 21.Rg1 h5 22.Rbd1 Bh6 23.Rd3 Qd7 24.Qf1 ½-½ Grube,J (2773)-5.dc5 ?c5 6.?f4_44689 (2714) Rilton Cup Stockholm SWE 1999]

10.Nd3 b6



11.a3 White is slightly better. **11...Nbd7 12.Bg5 Nc5 13.Nxc5 bxc5 14.a4 Bd7 15.Ra3 Kh8**

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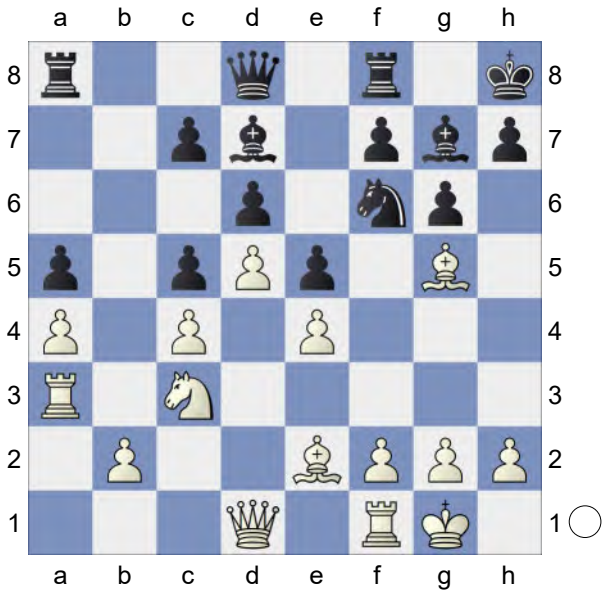
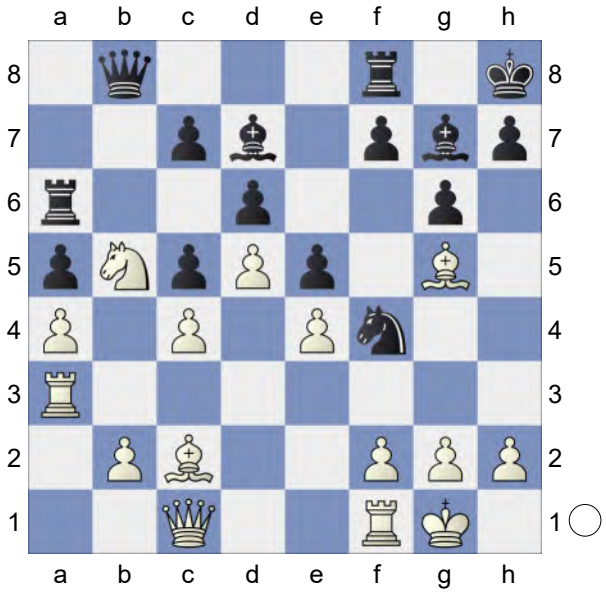


16.Qc1 Qb8 17.Bd1 Ra6 18.Bc2 Nh5 19.Nb5 Nf4



Deflection **20.Bxf4 exf4**

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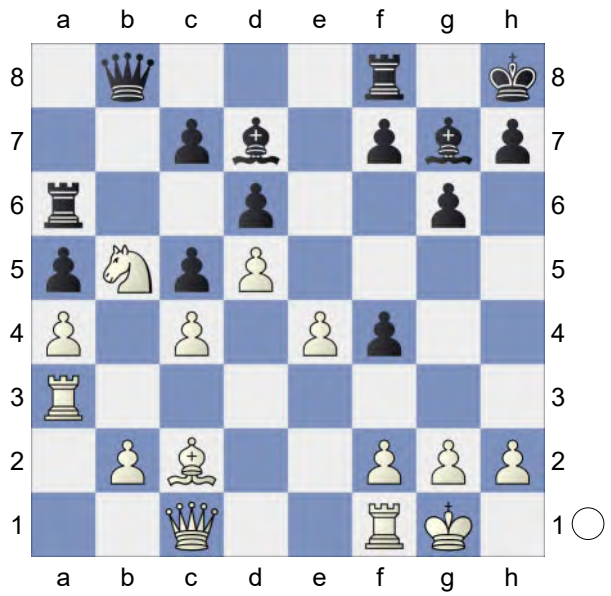
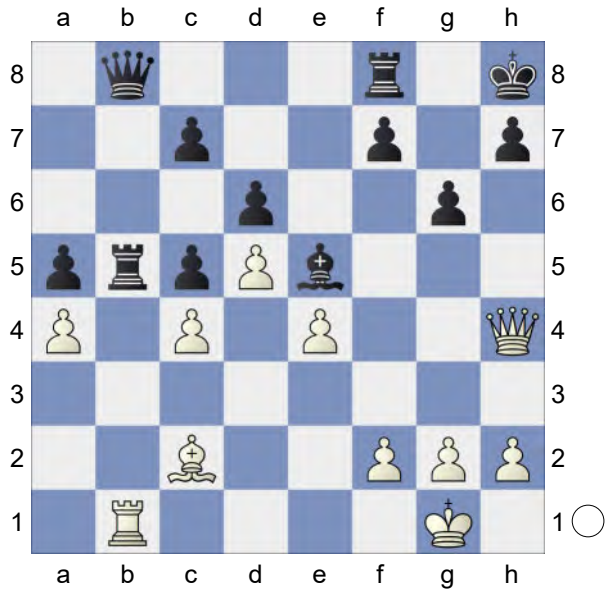


21.Qxf4 Bxb2 22.Rb3 Be5 23.Qh4 Bxb5 1.31/23
[23...Kg7± 0.68/21]
24.Rxb5 0.25/20
[24.cxb5± 1.31/23 Ra8 25.Rh3]
24...Rb6= 25.Rfb1 Rxb5



26.Rxb5 Qa7 Black is weak on the light squares **27.f4 Bd4+ 28.Kf1 Kg7**

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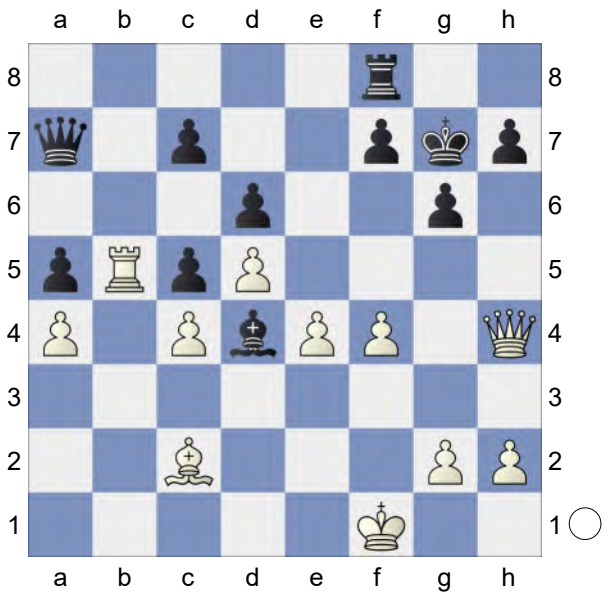
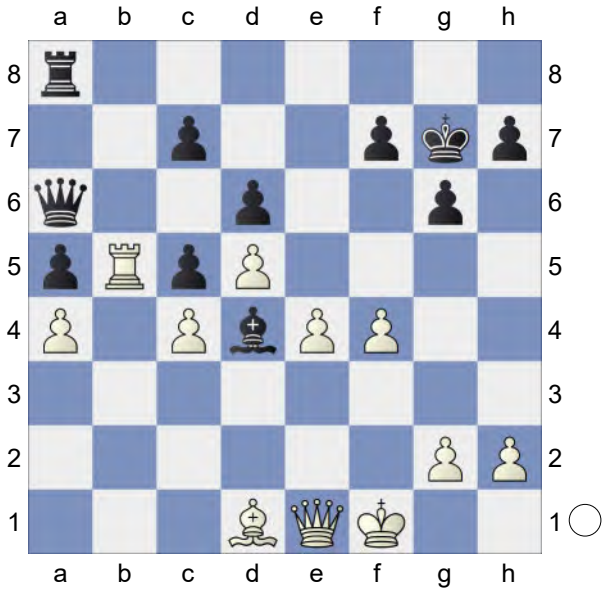
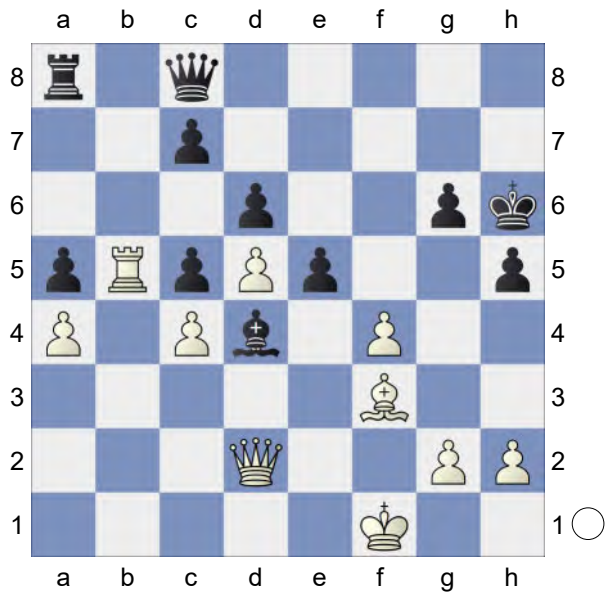


29.Qe1 0.35/21
[29.Bd3!± 0.79/19]
29...Ra8± 30.Bd1 Qa6



31.Bf3 f6 0.84/20
[31...Qc8= -0.01/21]
32.Bg4± h5 33.Bf3 0.29/21
[33.Be6± 0.85/23]
33...Kh6 34.Qd2 Qc8 0.94/19
[34...g5± 0.49/18]
35.e5 fxe5

(Diagram)



36.fxe5+ Kg7 37.e6
[Reject 37.Rxa5?! Rxa5 *(37...dxe5 38.Rxa8 Qxa8 39.a5=)* 38.Qxa5 Bxe5∓]
37...Qd8 38.Rxa5 0.01/20 White has more active pieces.
[38.g3± 0.91/21]
38...Rxa5= 39.Qxa5± Endgame. And now Qa5-e1 would win. KQB-KQB
39...Qh4 40.Qe1 Against Qh4-f2+
[40.Qxc7+ is a self mate. Kh6 41.Ke2 Qf2+ 42.Kd3 Qe3+ 43.Kc2 Qc3+ 44.Kd1 Be3]
40...Qxh2

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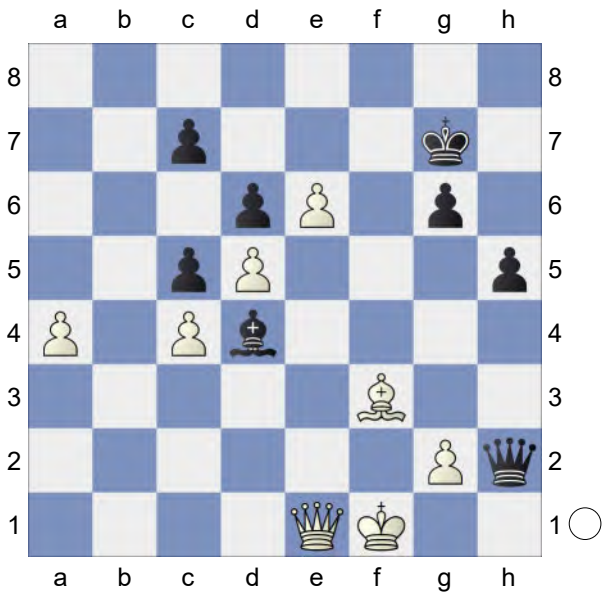
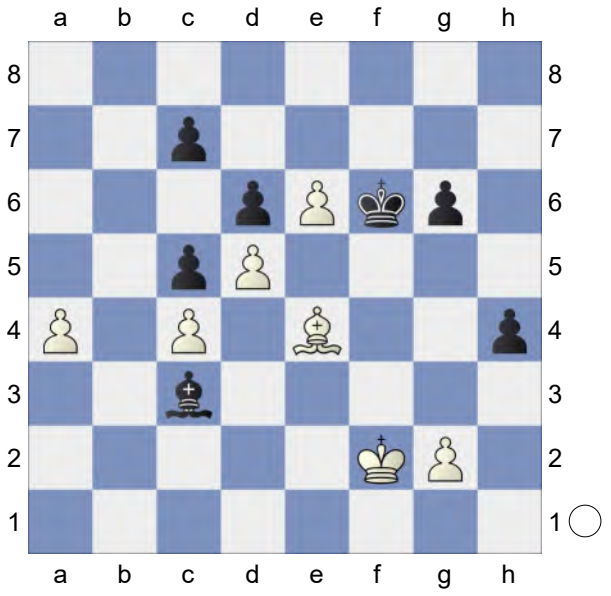
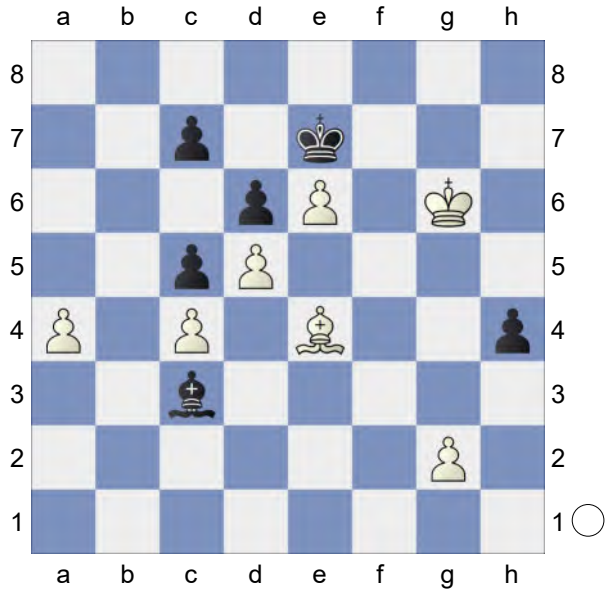


41.Ke2 Black must now prevent Ke2-d3.
41...Qe5+ 42.Kd1! Strongly threatening Qe1xe5+. **42...Qxe1+** 1.12/30
[42...Bc3± 0.64/24 43.Qxe5+ dxe5]
43.Kxe1± KB-KB **43...Bc3+ 44.Kf2 h4 45.Be4 Kf6**

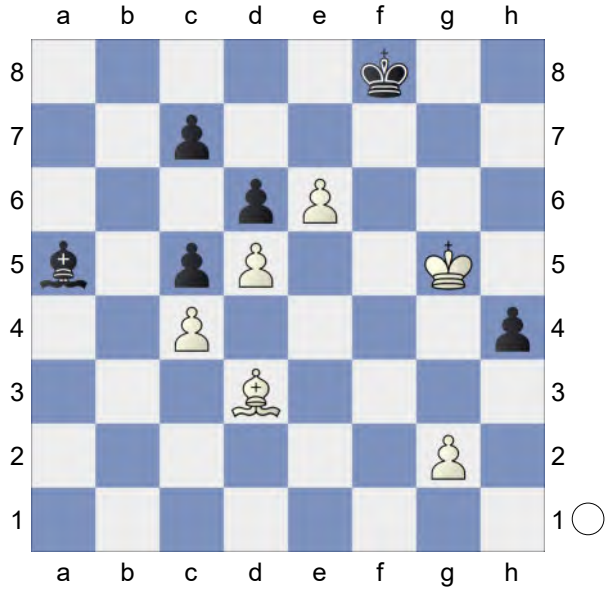


46.Kf3 Be1 2.07/29
[46...g5± 1.29/29]
47.Kg4 0.81/32
[47.Kf4+- 2.07/29 is more deadly.]
47...Ke7? 2.53/36 A mistake that costs the game.
[47...g5± 0.81/32 48.Kh5 Bd2]

48.Kg5 Kf8 49.Kf6
[Don't play 49.Bxg6?! Ke7 50.Be4 Ke8]
49...Bc3+ 50.Kxg6 Ke7



51.Kg5 Be1 52.Bf5 Kf8 53.Bc2 Ke7 54.Bd3 Kf8 55.a5 Intending a5-a6 and mate. Deflection **55...Bxa5**



56.Kxh4 Ke7 57.g4 Bd2 58.g5 Bc1 59.Kh5 aiming for g5-g6. **59...Bb2 60.Kh6 Bc1**

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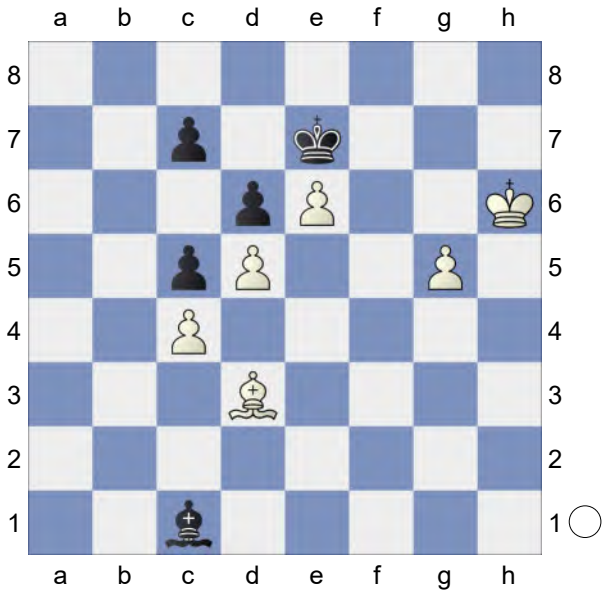
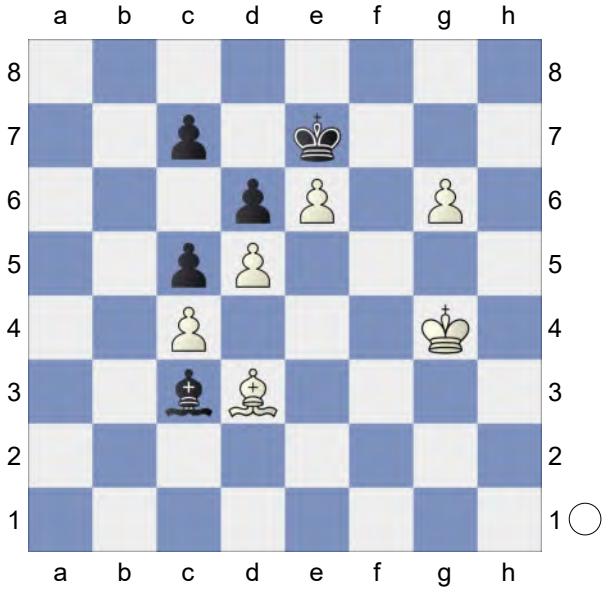


61.Kg6 Bd2 62.Kh5 1.80/27
[⌓62.Kf5 3.17/38]
62...Bc3+- White is clearly better.
63.Kg4 Bd2 64.g6 g6-g7 would kill now. **64...Bc3**



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7 **C07**
□ **Gurel,Ediz** **2624**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2741**
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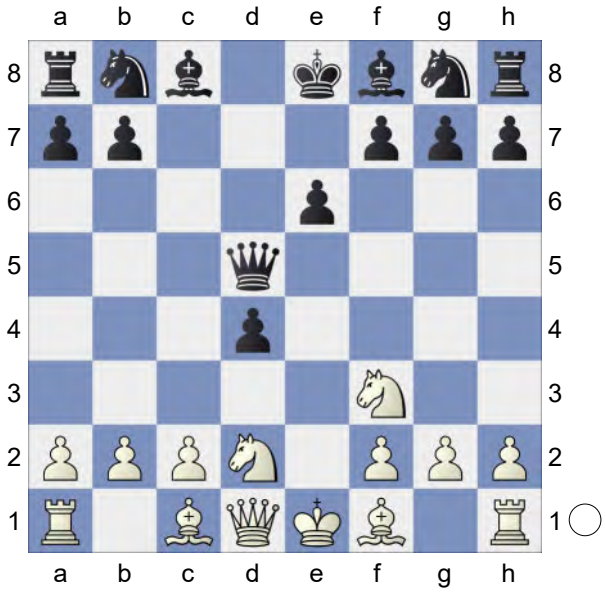
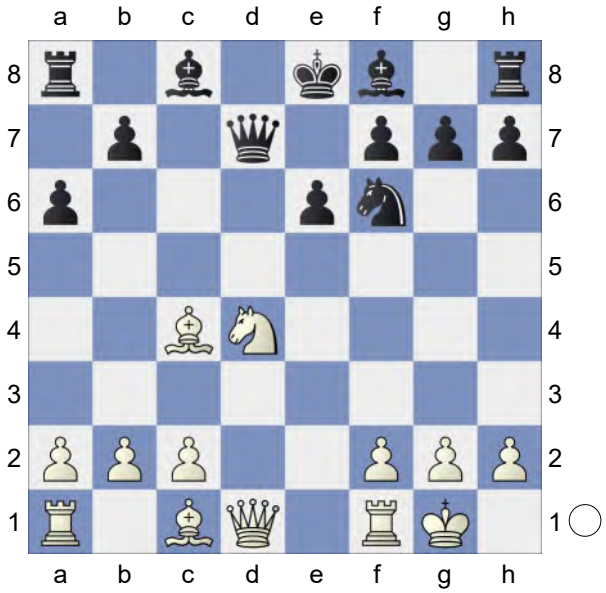
[Kitty Kat]

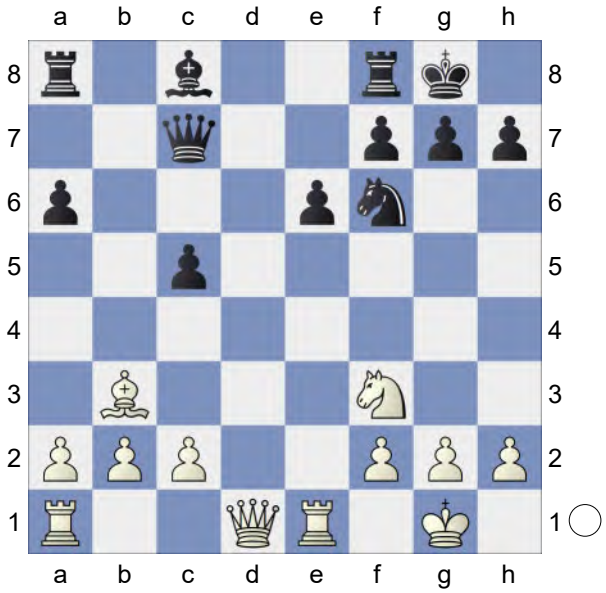
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4**



6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0 Nc6 Against Nf3-e5 **8.Nb3 Nf6** White has an edge. **9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6**



Prevents Bc4-b5 **11.Re1 Bc5 12.Be3 0-0 13.Bb3**
[13.Nf3 Qc7 14.Bd3 b5 15.a4 Bb7 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Qe2 b4 19.Qe5 Bd5 Brikov,I (2428)-Sorin,A (2610) 5th matchgame Havana 1921]
13...b6N
[13...Qc7 14.Qf3 Rd8 15.c3 Bd6 16.h3 e5 17.Nc2 Bd7 18.Bg5 Bc6 19.Qe2 Qe7 20.Ne3 e4 21.Ng4 Be5 22.f4 Qc5+ 23.Kh1 Bb5 24.c4 Nxg4 25.hxg4 1-0 Neuhoff,L (2033)-Zaninotto,F (1966) Skalica op 2024 (6)]
14.Nf3 Qc7 15.Bxc5 bxc5



16.Qe2 Bb7 17.c3 Rab8 18.Ne5 Be4 19.Nc4 Rfd8
[19...Bd5 simplifies 20.Ne3 Qb7 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.b3 Rfe8]
20.Rad1 Bd5

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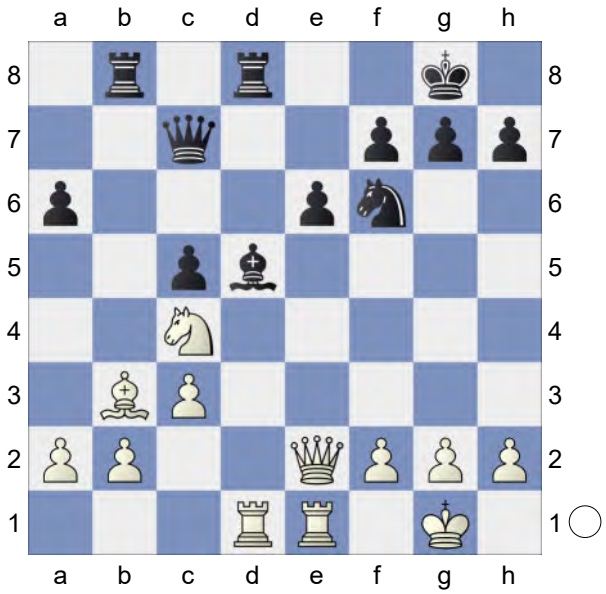
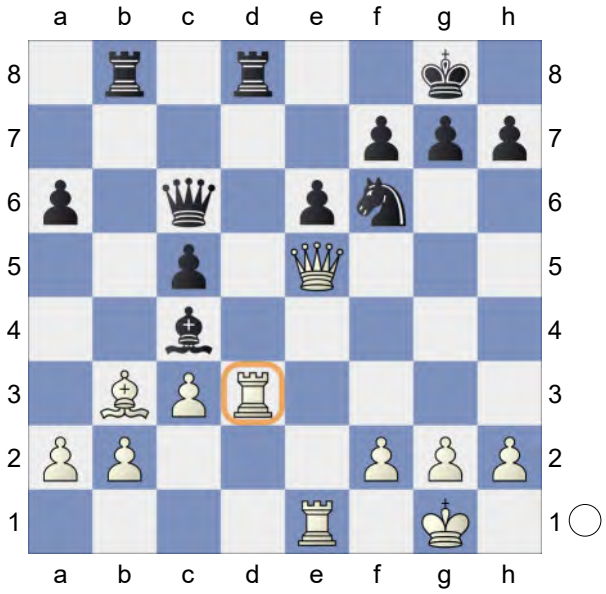


21.Qe5 Qb7 22.Nd6 Qc7 23.Nc4 Qc6 24.Rd3 Bxc4



Discovered Attack **25.Bxc4 Qb6**

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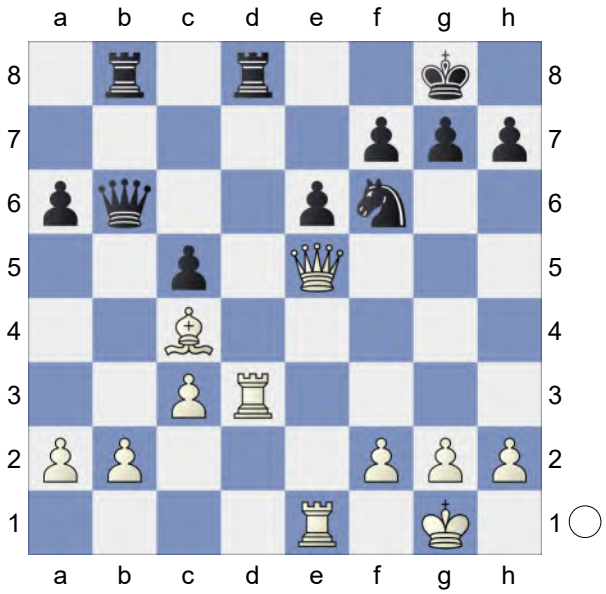
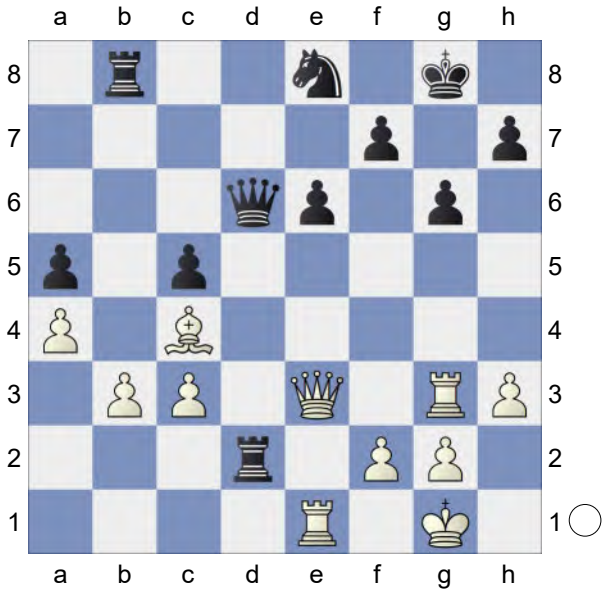


26.Rg3 Ne8 27.h3 Rd2 28.b3 Qd6 29.a4 a5 30.Qe3 g6



31.Rg5 Rc8 32.Re5

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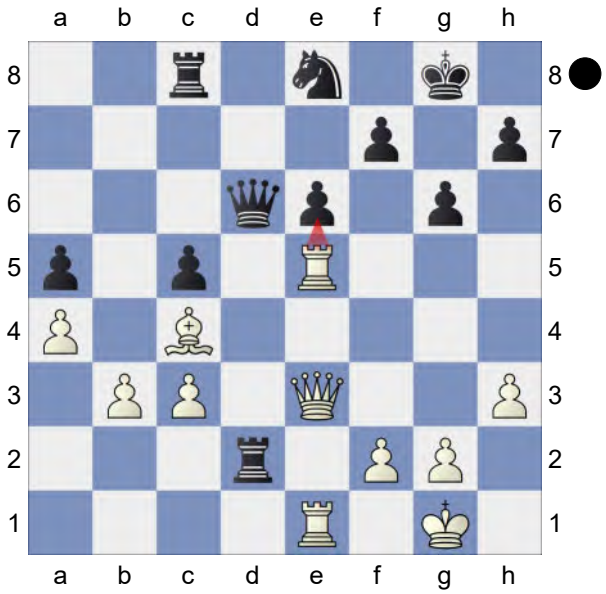
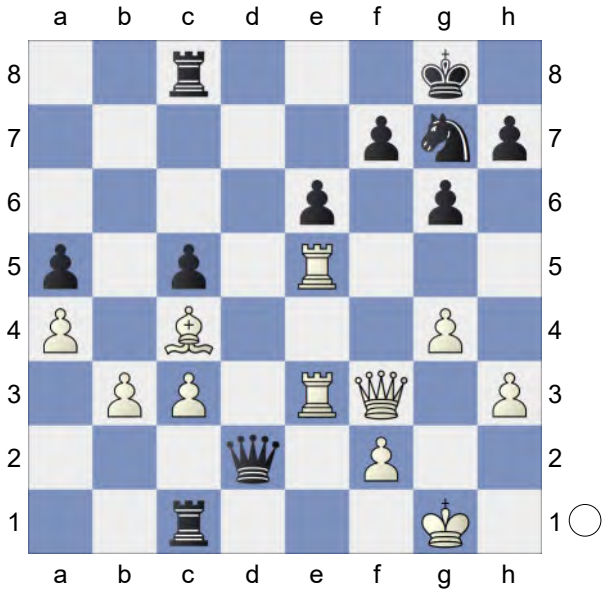


aiming for Re5xe6! **32...Ng7 33.g4 Rc2 34.Qf3 Qd2 35.R1e3 Rc1+**

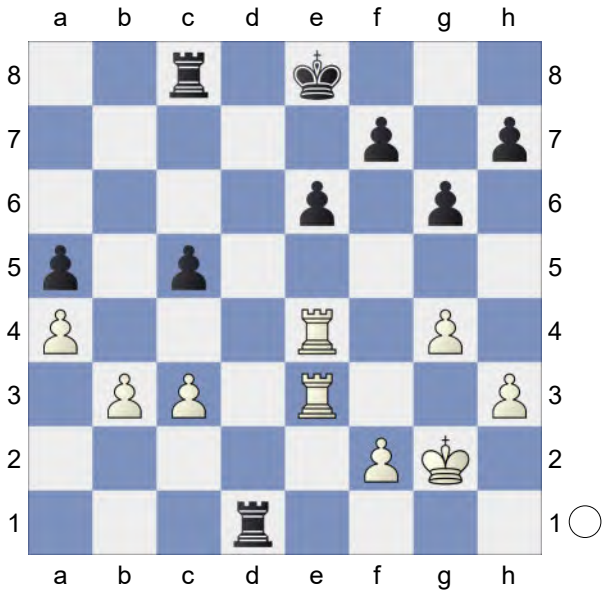


36.Kg2 Threatens to win with Re3-d3. **36...Qd1 37.Qxd1**

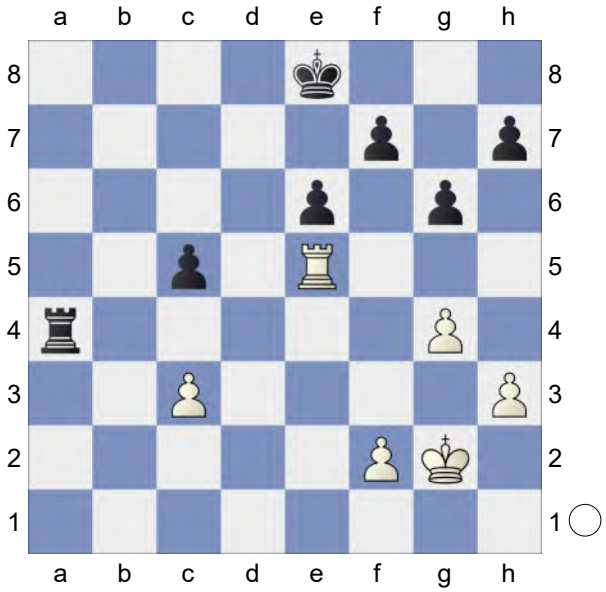
[37.Kg3 keeps more tension. Qg1+ 38.Qg2 Qxg2+ 39.Kxg2 Rd1]

37...Rxd1 38.Bb5 Kf8 39.R5e4 The position is equal. **39...Ne8 40.Bxe8 Kxe8=**

(Diagram)



Endgame. KRR-KRR **41.b4 Ra1 42.bxa5 Ra8 43.Rc4 Rxa5 44.Re5 R1xa4 45.Rxa4 Rxa4**



46.Rxc5

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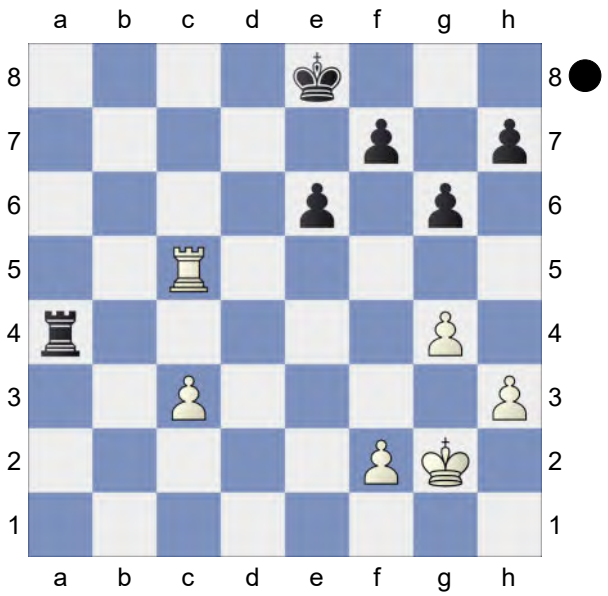

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8 **D37**
□ **Navara,D.** **2677**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2739**
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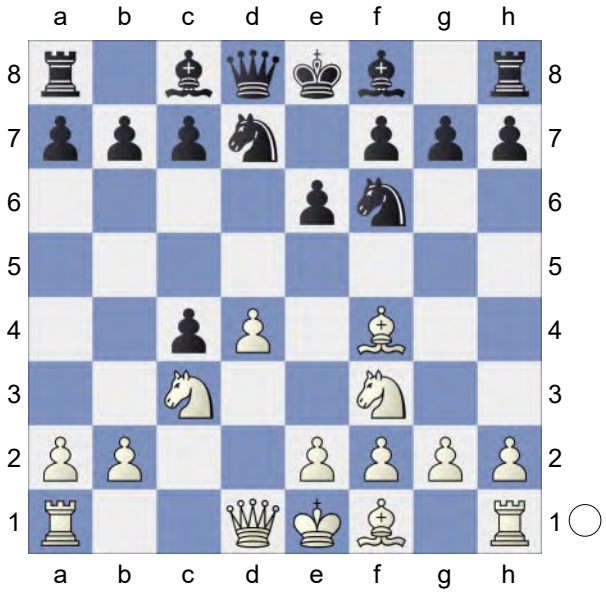
[Kitty Kat]

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4 Martinovic,Sl: 'Inf 109/235' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bf4 dxc4N**

[5...Bb4 6.cxd5 exd5
A) 7.e3 Ne4 8.Qc2 *(8.Qb3 c5 9.dxc5 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Ndxc5 11.Qa3 0-0 12.Be2 Bg4 13.Rd1 Re8 14.0-0 Ne6 15.Bg3 Qc8 16.Rc1 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nf6 18.Rfd1 Qc6 19.Qd6 Qa4 20.Qb4 Qxa2 21.Bd3 a5 22.Qb6 Qa3* ½-½ Line (2559)-6.?a3 cd4 7.cd4 ?d7 (2712) Capablanca Memorial, Havana Casablanca 2003 (2)*)* 8...g5 9.Be5 Rg8 10.Bd3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 g4 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 Qe7 14.Qxh7 Rf8 15.Nd2 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qxe5 17.Qe4 Qxe4 18.Nxe4 Ke7 19.0-0 Bf5 20.Nc5 b6 21.e4 Bc8 Chapter 1 - 4...Nbd7 5.Bf4-Cxd5 Critical Line 2023;
B) 7.Qb3 c5 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qxc5 11.Qb4 Ne4 12.Nd4 b6 13.f3 a5 14.Qxc5 Nexc5 15.Nf5 Ne6 16.Bg3 g6 17.Nd6+ Ke7 18.e3 Rd8 19.Rb1 Ba6 20.Kf2 Aronian,L (2754)-Eljanov,P (2693) Nalchik 109/235 2009]



6.e3 Nb6

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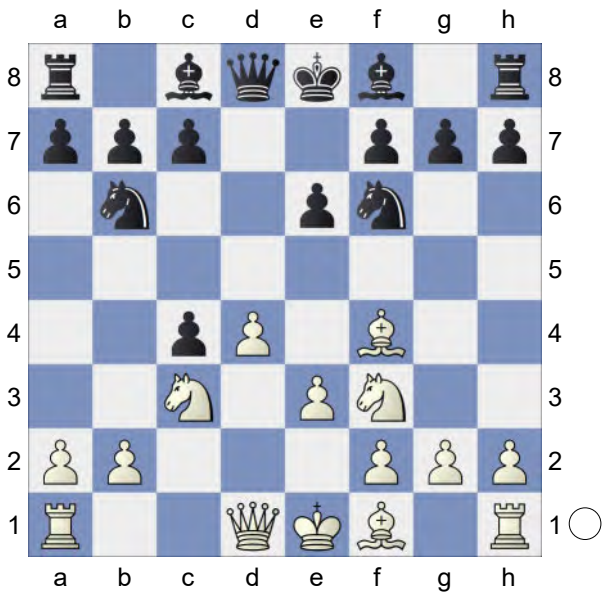
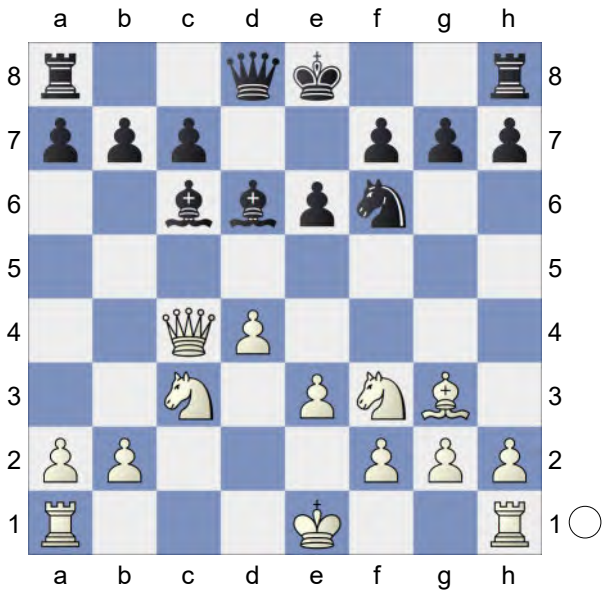


7.Bxc4! Decoy **7...Bd6**
[7...Nxc4 8.Qa4+]
8.Bg3 Nxc4 9.Qa4+ White has an edge. **9...Bd7 10.Qxc4 Bc6**



Dodges e3-e4 **11.Bh4 Bxf3 12.gxf3**
[12.e4 looks sharper. Bxg2 13.Rg1 Bxe4 14.Nxe4]
12...c6 Inhibits Qc4-b5. **13.Qb3 Qb6 14.Rg1 Qxb3 15.axb3 Kf8**

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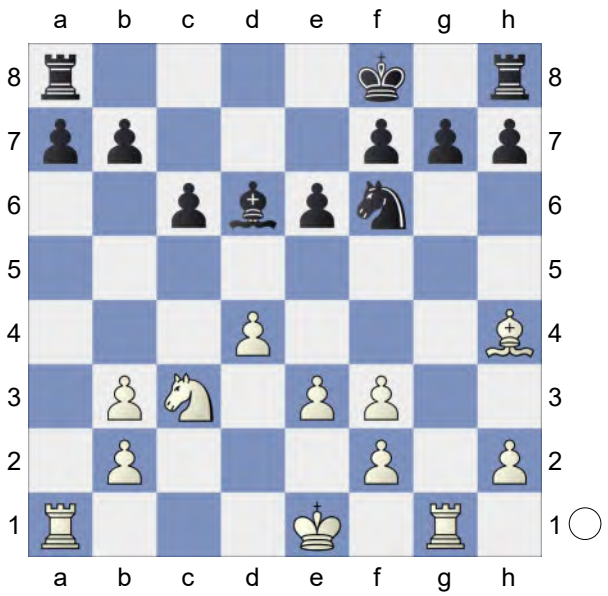
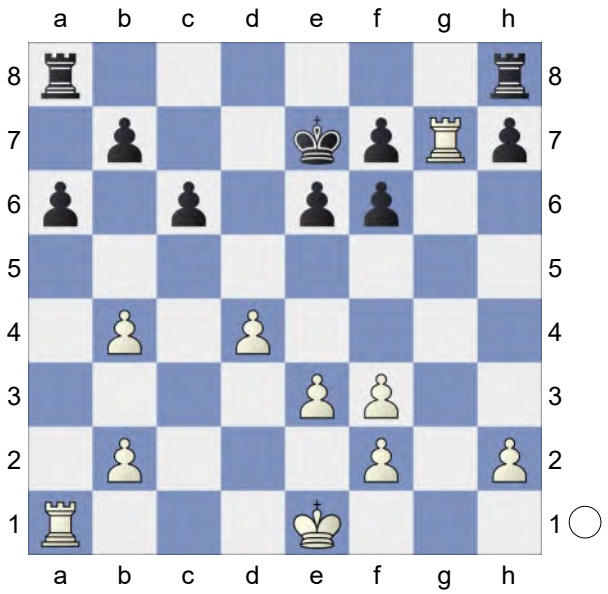


16.Bxf6 gxf6 Black is weak on the light squares **17.Ne4 Ke7 18.Nxd6 Kxd6=** Endgame. KRR-KRR **19.Rg7 Ke7 20.b4 a6**



21.Ke2 Rad8 22.f4 Rd5 23.Ra5 h6 24.Rc5 Rxc5 25.bxc5 KR-KR **25...b6**

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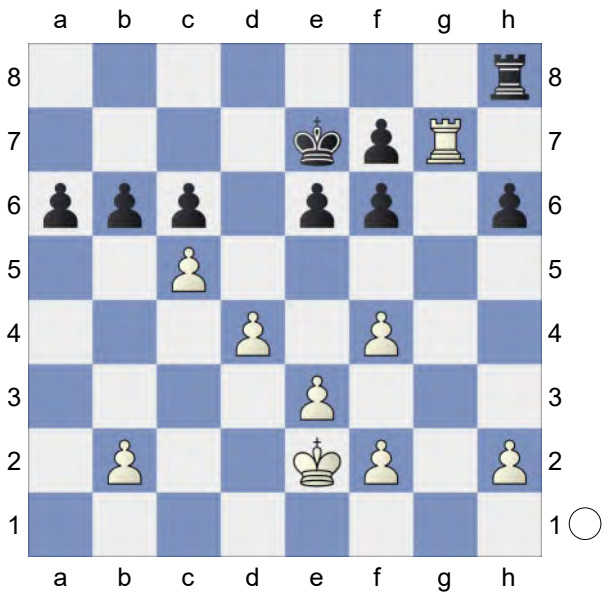
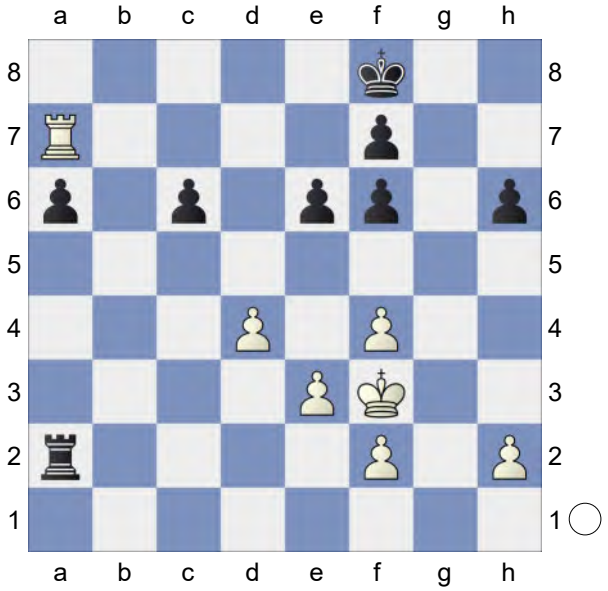


26.cxb6 0.01/27
[26.b4± 0.45/23 might be stronger.]
26...Rb8 The position is equal. **27.Kf3 Rxb6 28.Rg8 Rxb2 29.Ra8 Ra2 30.Ra7+ Kf8**



31.Rc7 Rc2 32.Ra7 Ra2 33.Rc7 f5 34.Rxc6 Kg7 35.d5 exd5

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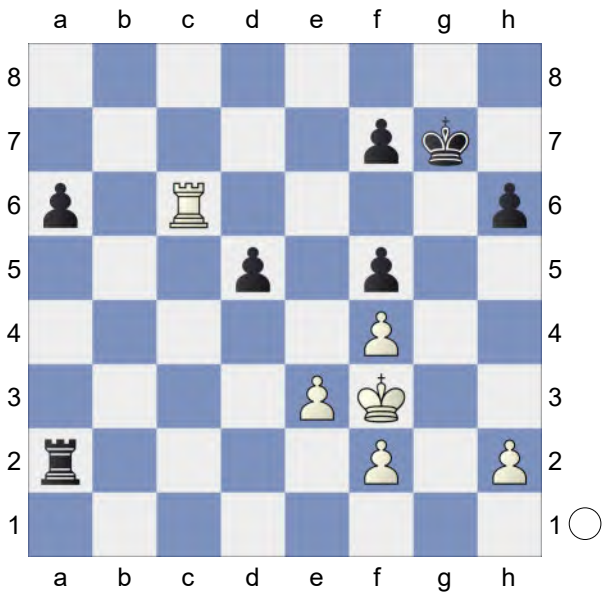
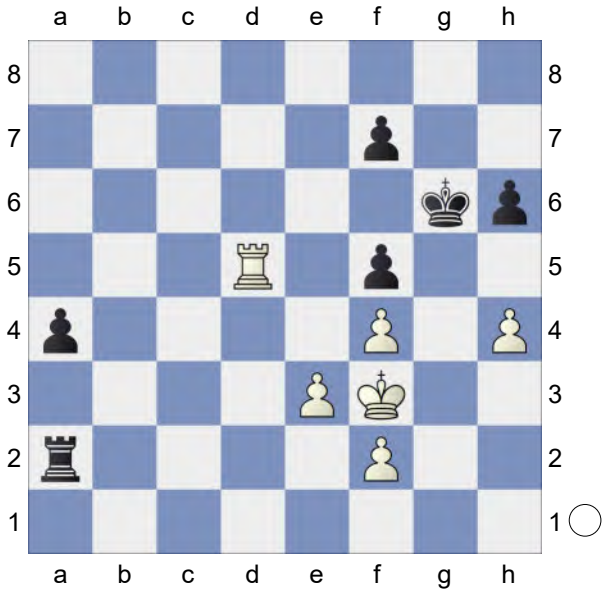


36.Rc5 a5 37.Rxd5 Kg6 38.Rd6+ Kg7 39.Rd5 Kg6 40.h4 a4



41.h5+ Kf6 42.Rd6+ Kg7 43.Rd5 Kf6 44.Rd6+

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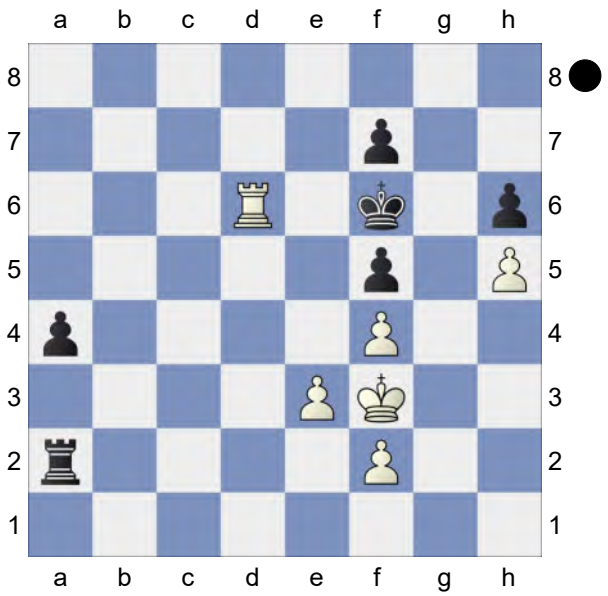

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9 **C55**
□ **Wei Yi** **2755**
■ **Giri,A.** **2728**
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[Kitty Kat]

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7 5.Nc3**
[5.0-0 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Re1 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Bb5 0-0 10.g4 Bg6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Nxe5 Bd6 13.Nd2 Qh4 14.Qf3 f5 15.Qg3 Qxg3+ 16.fxg3 fxg4 17.hxg4 Rae8 18.Ndc4 Nb4 19.Re2 Nxc2 1-0 Garcia Ramos, D (2439)-Osinovsky,S (2241) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (3)]
5...d6

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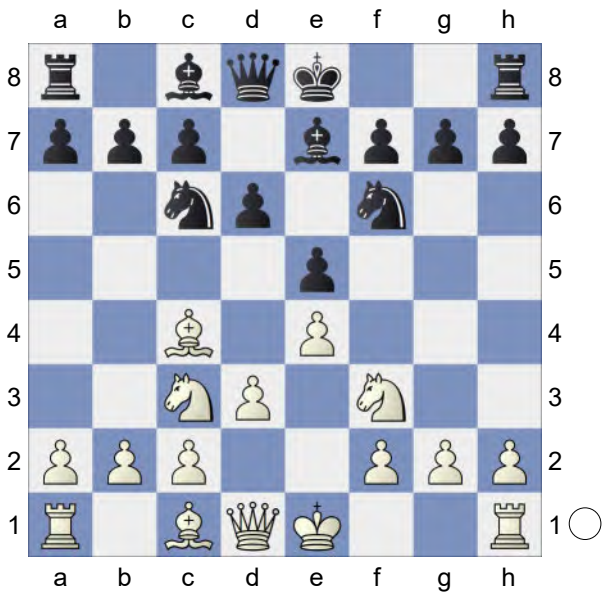
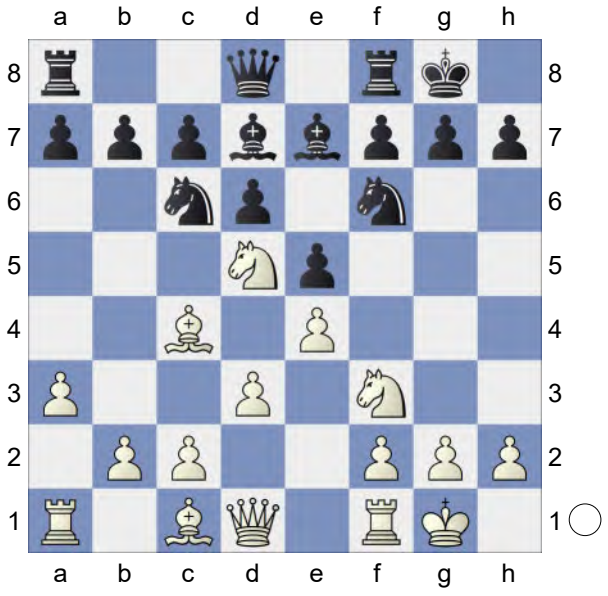


6.a3 0-0 7.0-0 Be6N
[7...Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nd4 10.Qd1 c6 11.f4 exf4 12.Rxf4 d5 13.exd5 cxd5 14.Ba2 Bc5 15.Kh1 Re8 16.Rf1 Ne6 17.g4 d4 18.Na4 Be7 19.g5 Nd7 20.Rxf7 Bd6 21.Rf5 Qc7 22.Bd5 ½-½ Edighoffer,H-Melton, R APCT King ch-1 corr 1996]
8.Nd5 Bd7 9.Ne3 Be6 10.Nd5 Bd7



11.c3 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 a5 13.d4 a4 14.Be3 Bf6 15.Qd3 Qc8

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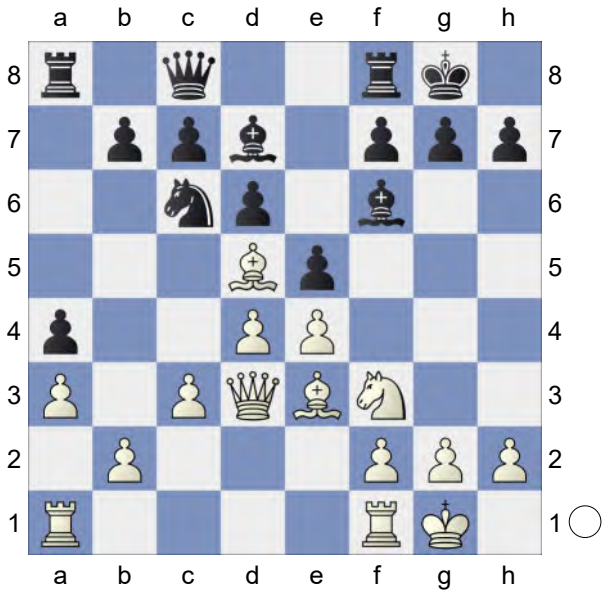
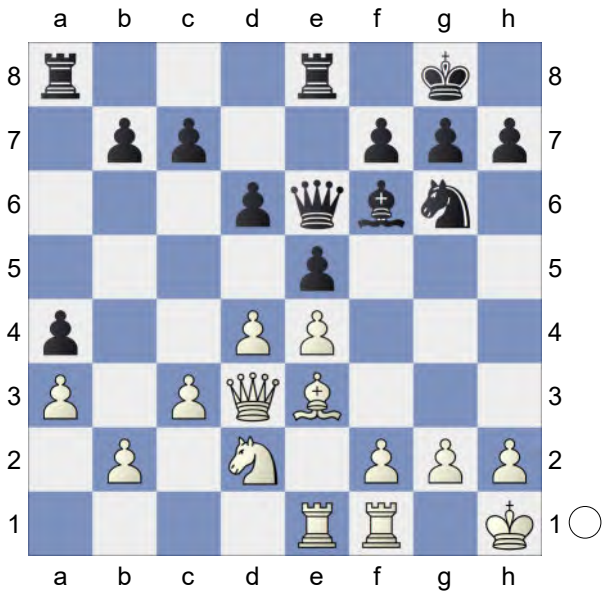


16.Ba2 Ne7 17.Nd2 Ng6 18.Kh1 Be6 19.Bxe6 Qxe6 20.Rae1 Rfe8



21.d5 Qd7 22.g3 Be7 23.c4 Rf8 24.Qe2 b6 25.Qh5 f5

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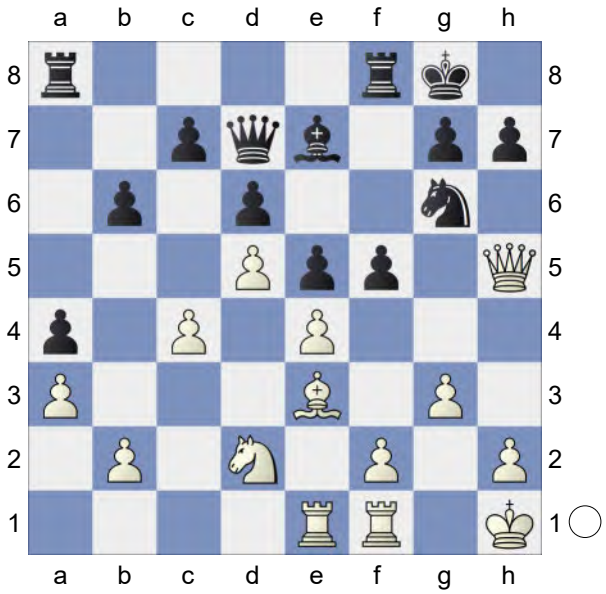
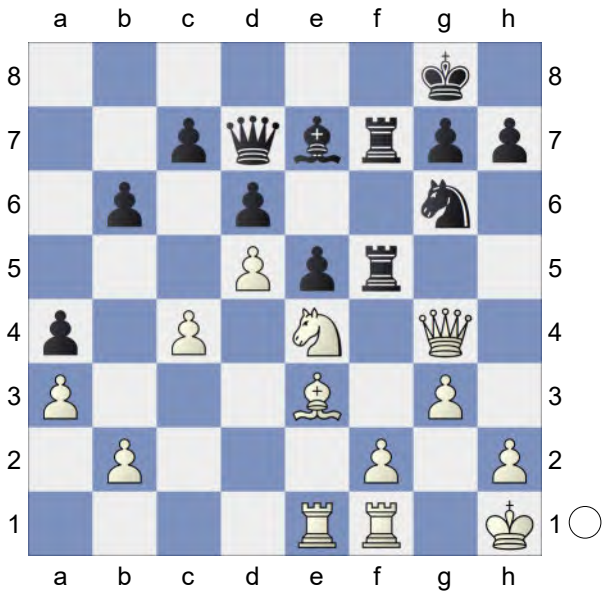


26.exf5 Rxf5 27.Qg4 Raf8 28.Ne4 R8f7 29.Qe2 Rf8 30.Qg4 R8f7



31.Rd1 Bd8 32.Qe2 Rf8 33.f3 Be7 34.Kg1 R5f7 35.Kg2 Rf5

[35...Qf5 feels hotter. 36.Rde1 h5 37.Qd1 h4]

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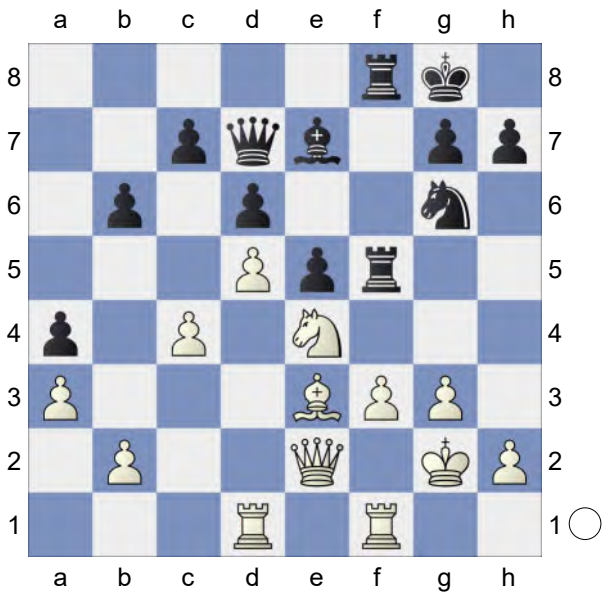
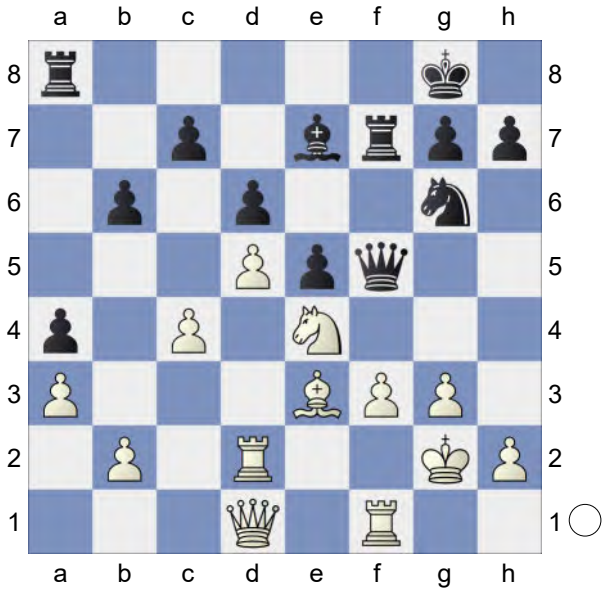


36.Kh1 R5f7 37.Kg1 Rf5 38.Rd2 R5f7 39.Kg2 Qf5 40.Qd1
Active counter play! **40...Ra8**



41.Rd3 Nf8 42.Rd2 h6 43.Rdf2 Bg5 44.Nxg5 hxg5 45.Qc2 Nh7

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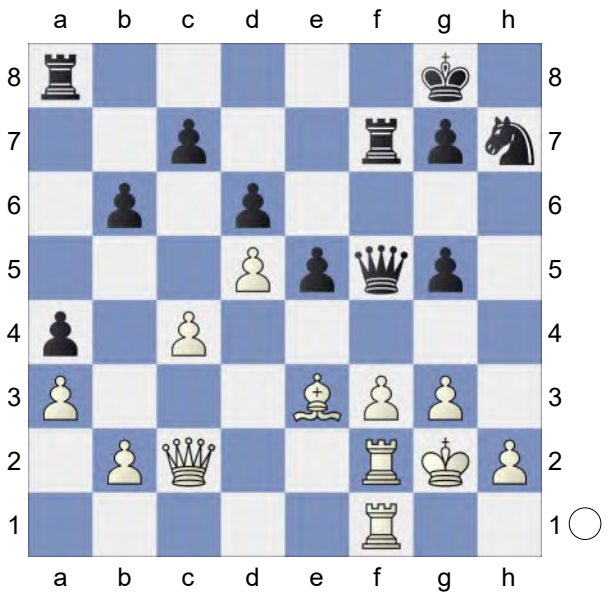

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10 **D22**
□ **Keymer,Vincent** **2731**
■ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR.** **2729**
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[Kitty Kat]

D22: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 a6 4 e3 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 a6 4.e3 b5 5.a4 Bb7**

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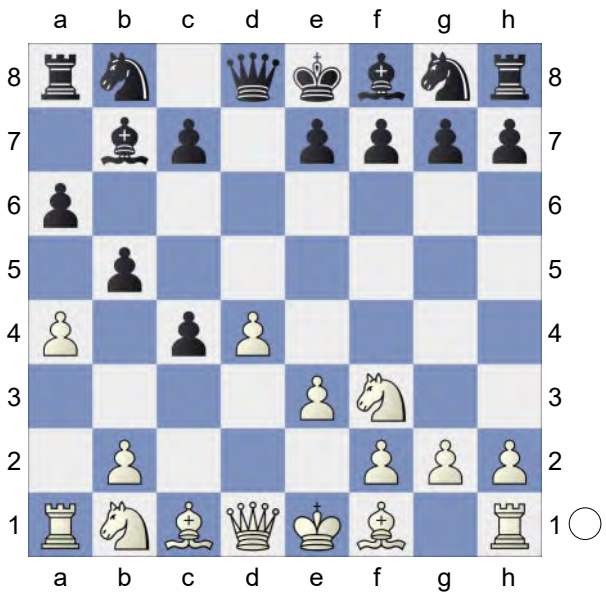
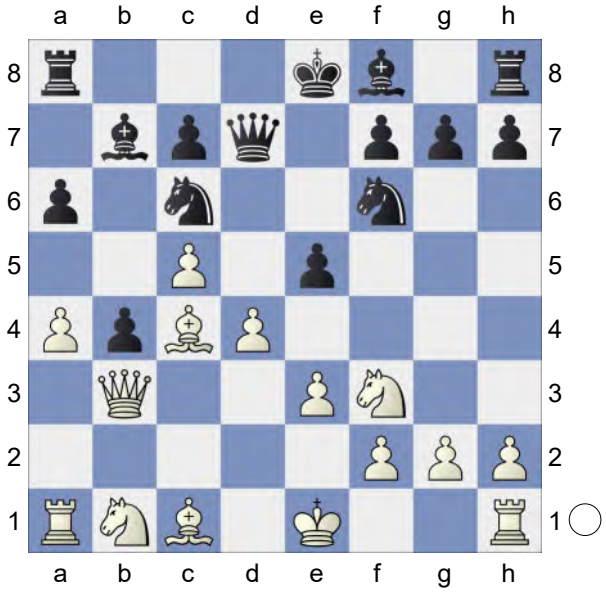
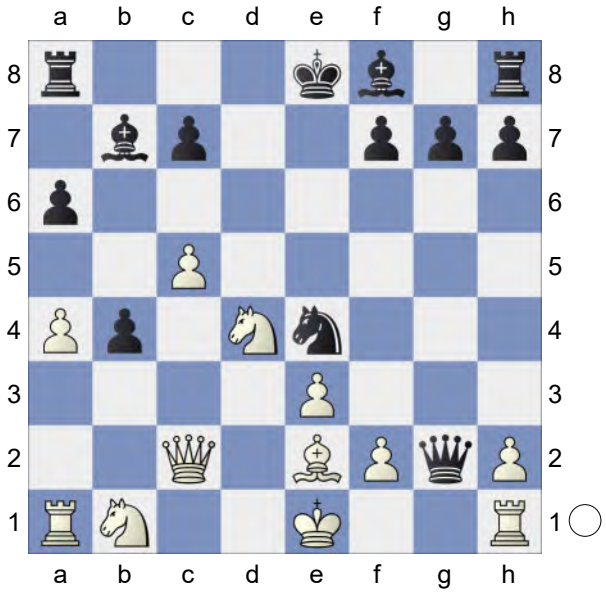


6.b3 Nf6 7.bxc4 b4 8.c5 Nc6
White is slightly better. **9.Qb3N**
[9.Bc4 g5 10.Nbd2 g4 11.Ne5 #3 Queen'S Gambit Accepted-3...a6]
9...e5 10.Bc4
[10.dxe5 Nd7 11.Nbd2 *(11.e6 fxe6 12.Qb2 Nxc5-+)* 11...Nxc5∓ *(11...Ncxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bb2±)*]
10...Qd7



11.Bb2 -0.01/20
[Better is 11.0-0± 0.70/20]
11...exd4= 12.Bxd4 -0.48/21
[12.exd4= 0.01/19 Na5 13.Qxb4 Bxf3 14.Qxa5 Bxg2 15.Rg1]
12...Ne4∓ 13.Qc2 -0.75/20
[13.0-0∓ -0.35/20 deserves consideration.]
13...Qg4∓ ...Nc6xd4! is the strong threat.
14.Be2
[14.0-0? Ng5 15.Ne1 Nxd4 16.exd4 Qxd4-+]
14...Nxd4!
[14...Qxg2? is the wrong capture. 15.Qxe4+ Be7 16.Rg1 Nxd4 17.Qxd4+- *(17.Rxg2 Bxe4 18.exd4 Bf6+-)*]
15.Nxd4 Qxg2



16.Bf3 b3 17.Bxg2 bxc2 18.Nd2 Nxc5

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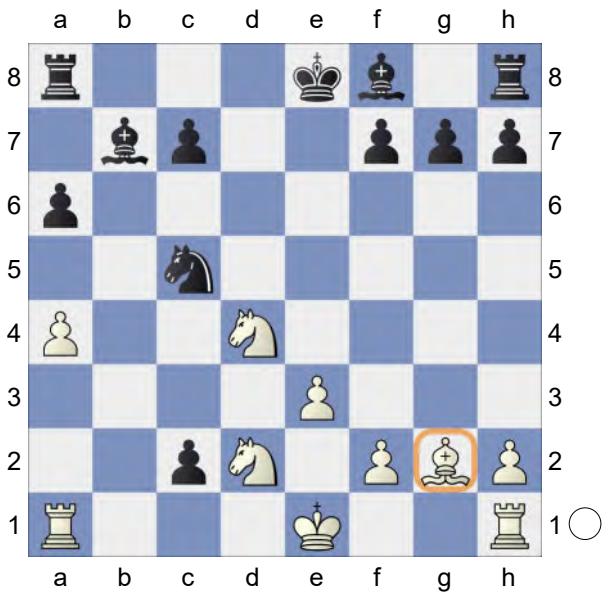
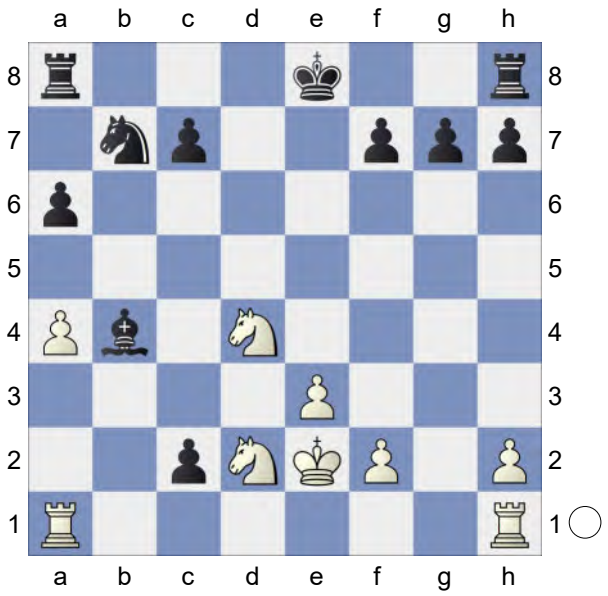


Discovered Attack **19.Bxb7 Nxb7 20.Ke2 Bb4**



21.Rhc1 Bxd2 22.Kxd2 0-0-0
White must now prevent ...c7-c5.
23.Rxc2 Rhe8 24.Rg1 g6 25.Rc6 Rd6

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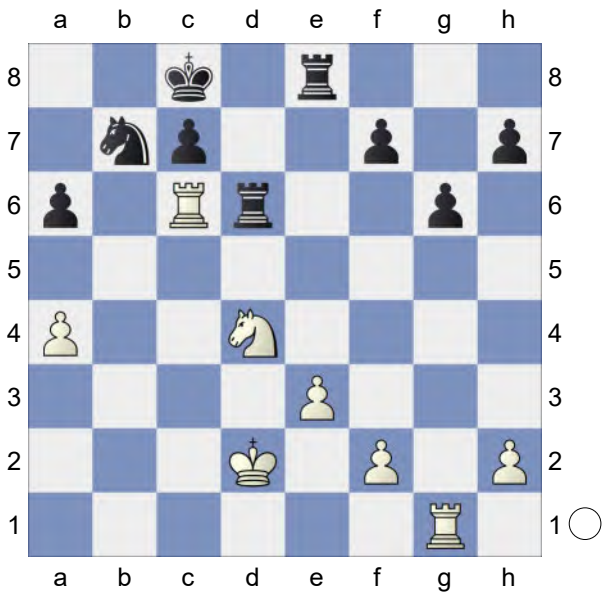
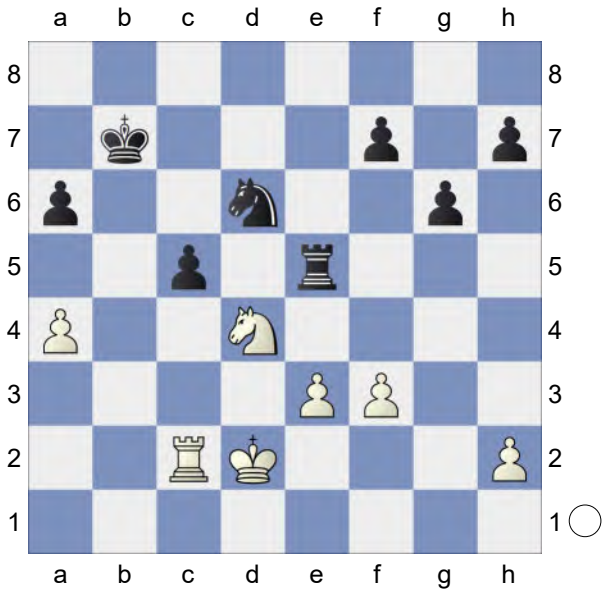
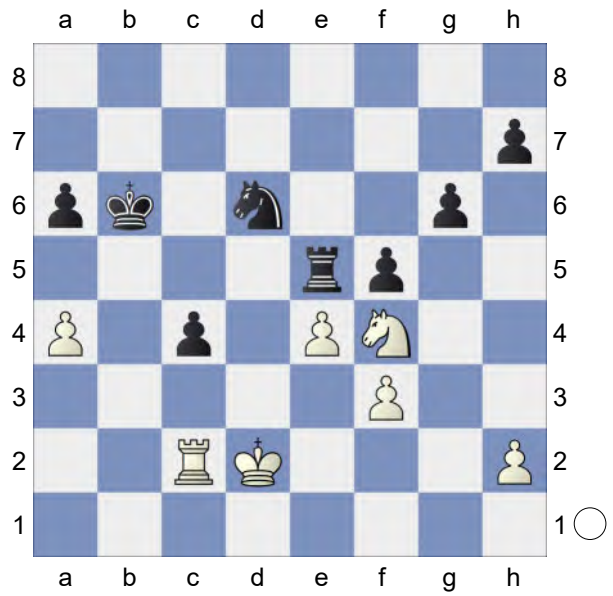


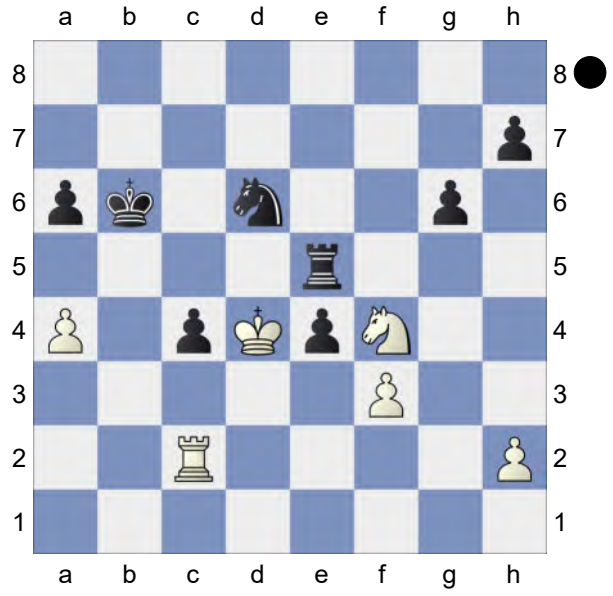
26.Rgc1 Rxc6 27.Rxc6 Endgame. KRN-KRN **27...Nd6** Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **28.f3 Kb7 29.Rc5** Against Re8-e5 **29...Re5** Decoy **30.Rc2** -2.29/23
[30.Rxe5∓ -1.56/22 Nc4+ 31.Kc3 Nxe5 32.Kb4]
30...c5-+



31.Ne2 Rh5 32.Ke1 Kb6
[32...Rxh2 33.Rxc5 Rh1+ 34.Kf2∓]
33.Nf4 Re5 34.e4 c4 35.Kd2 -2.83/21
[⌓35.Nd5+ -1.84/20 Kc5 36.Nc7]
35...f5



36.Ke3 fxe4 37.Kd4

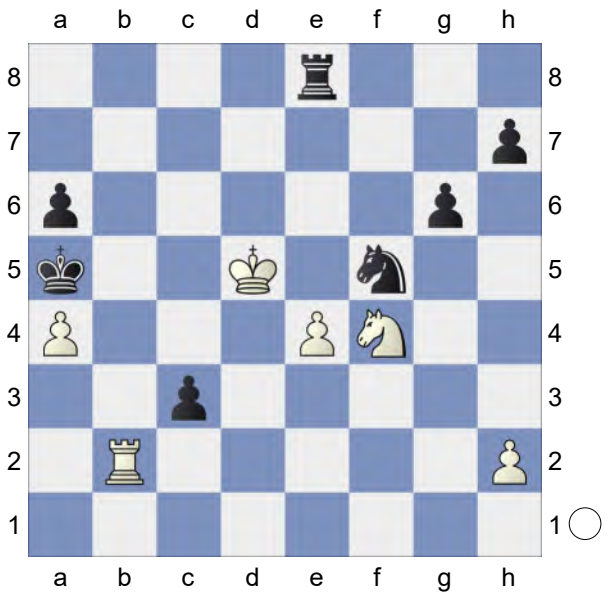


Re8 38.Kd5 Nf5

[Weaker is 38...Nf7 39.fxe4 Rd8+ 40.Kxc4=]

39.Rb2+ Ka5 40.fxe4 c3

(Diagram)

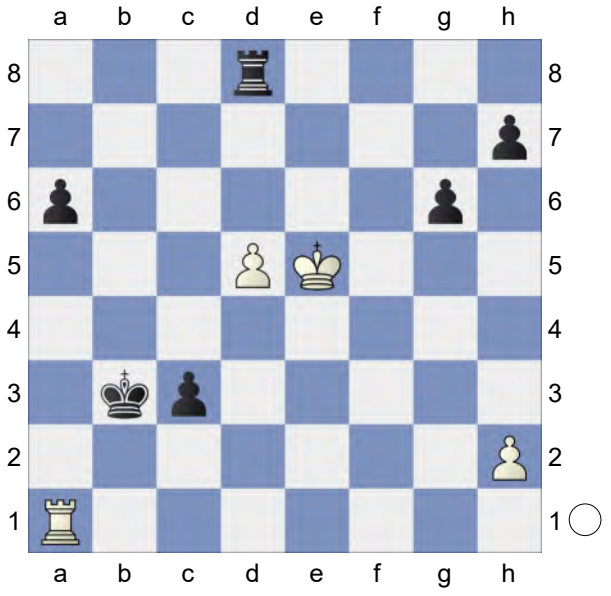


41.Rb1 Rd8+ 42.Ke5 Ne3 43.Nd5? -9.72/22

[43.Rc1 -3.17/21 c2 *(43...Kxa4 44.Rxc3 Ng4+ 45.Ke6∓)* 44.Nd5 Nc4+ *(44...Nxd5? 45.exd5 Re8+ 46.Kd4-+)* 45.Kd4]

43...Nxd5 Black is clearly winning.

44.exd5 Kxa4 Threatens to win with ... c3-c2. **45.Ra1+ Kb3**



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11 **C43**
□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2739**
■ **Gurel,Ediz** **2624**
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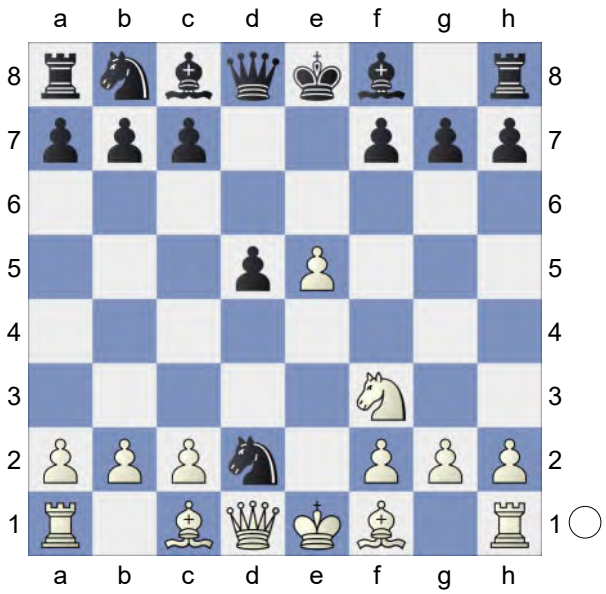
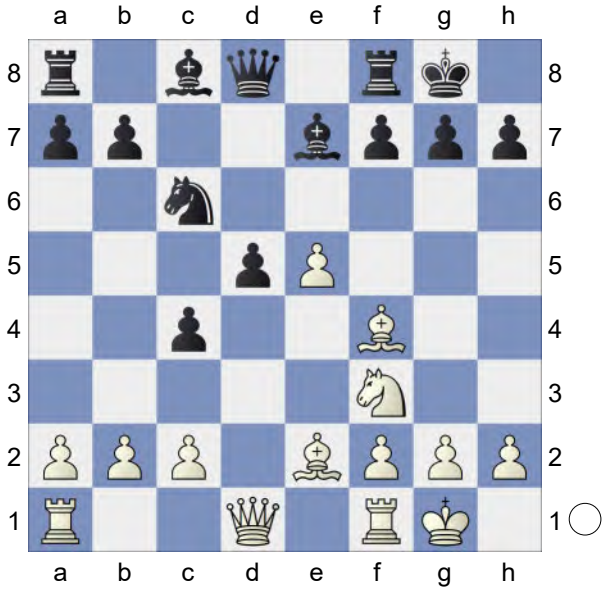
[Kitty Kat]

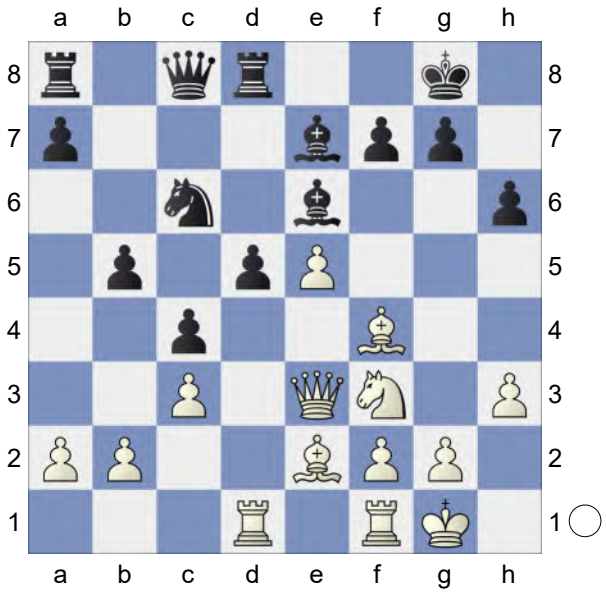
C43: Petroff Defence: 3 d4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.dxe5**
[4.Nxe5 d6 5.Nf3 d5 6.Bd3 Be7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.c3 Bg4 9.Nbd2 f5 10.Be2 0-0 11.Ne1 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Bd6 13.f4 a6 14.Nd3 Qe7 15.Nf3 Nd8 16.Nfe5 Ne6 17.Be3 Rf6 18.Rf3 Rh6 ½-½ Dos Santos,V (1774)-Araujo,H (1965) Recife Pernambucano op 2024 (2)]
4...d5 5.Nbd2 Nxd2



6.Bxd2 c5N
[6...Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 c5 9.Bf4 Nc6 10.Qd2 Be6 11.c3 Qd7 12.h3 Rad8 13.Rfd1 h6 14.Bd3 Bf5 15.Bg3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qe6 17.a3 b6 18.b4 d4 19.cxd4 Nxd4 20.Nxd4 Rxd4 21.Qa6 Model Games-Nepomniachtchi,I Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 cxb4 23.axb4 Bxb4 24.Qxa7 Bc5 25.Kh2 h5 26.h4 Rc8 27.Qb7 Qf5 28.Rd2 Re8 29.Qc6 Rc8 30.Qb7 Re8 31.Qc6 ½-½ Nepomniachtchi,I (2751)-Mamedyarov,S (2809) 11th Tal Mem Rapid 2018 Moscow RUS (9.5)]
7.Bd3 c4 8.Be2 Nc6 9.0-0 Be7 Against Bd2-g5 **10.Bf4 0-0**



11.Qd2 h6 12.Rad1 Be6 13.c3 Qc8 14.h3 Rd8 15.Qe3 b5



16.Nh2 Bf8 17.g4 b4 18.Bg3 -1.22/18
[18.g5∓ -0.57/17]
18...bxc3 19.bxc3 Rb8 20.Rd2

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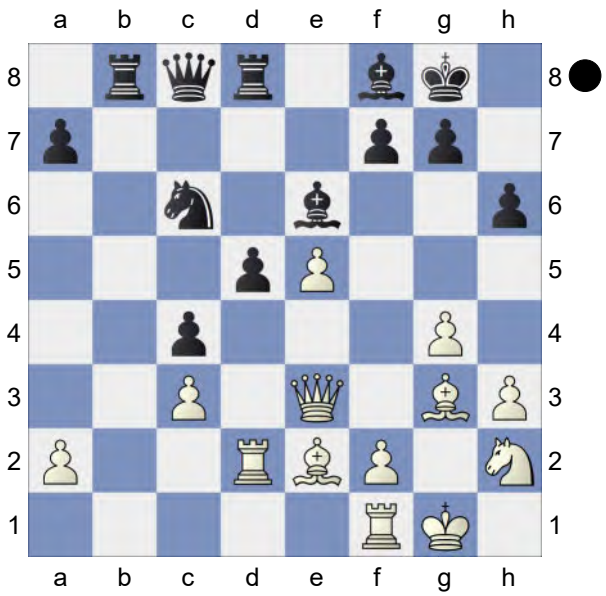
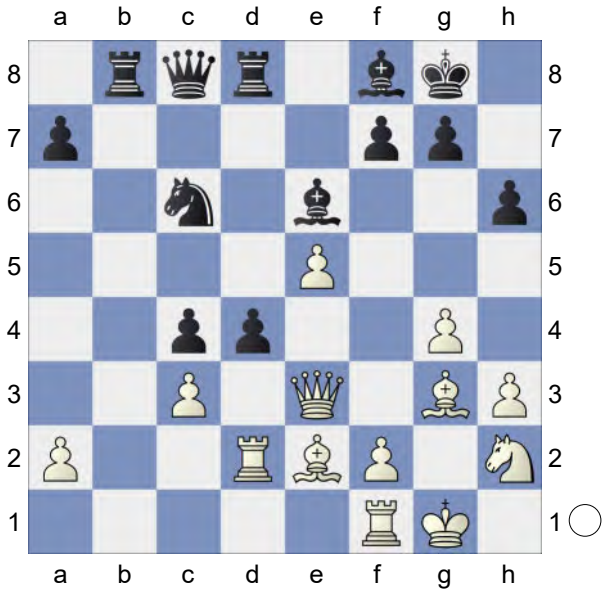


Dodges Rb8-b2 **20...d4!**



21.cxd4

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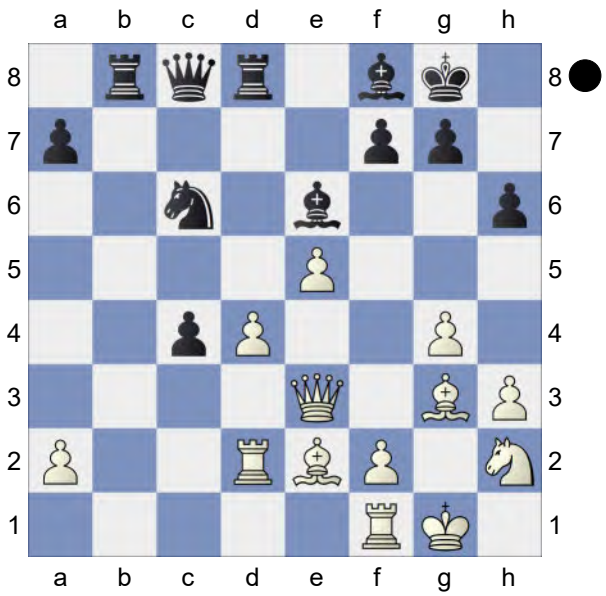
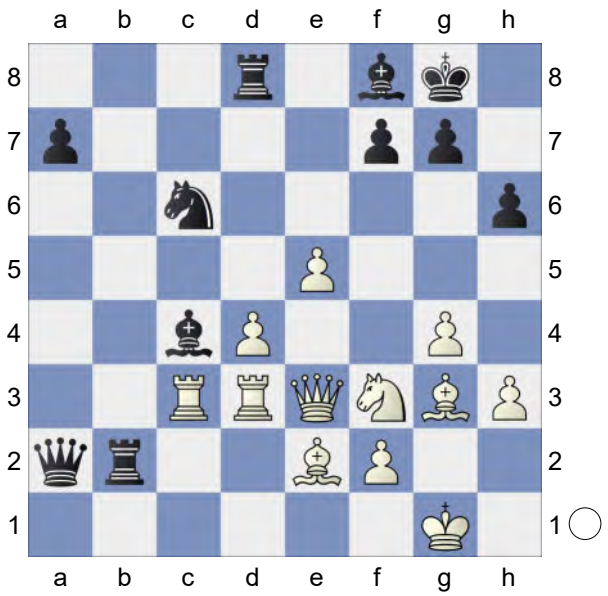
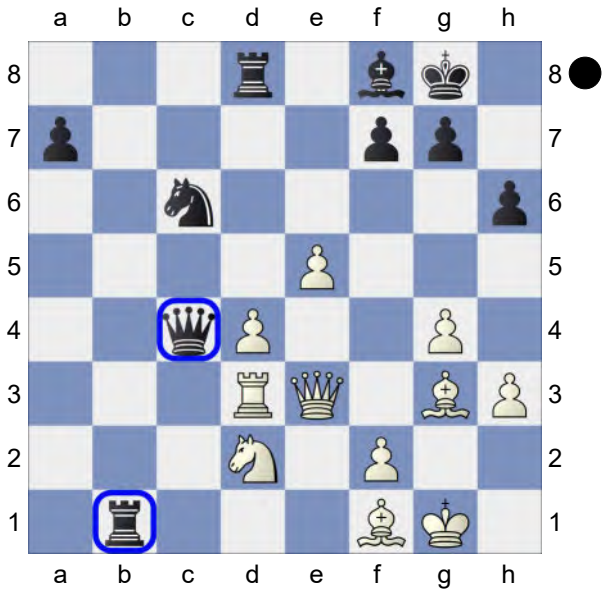


c3! 22.Rd3
[22.Qxc3 Bb4 *(22...Nxd4 23.Qxc8 Nxe2+ 24.Rxe2∓)* 23.Qd3 Bxd2 *(23...Nxd4? 24.Rb2-+; 23...Rxd4? 24.Qxd4 Nxd4 25.Rxd4-+)* 24.Qxd2 Nxd4-+]
22...Bc4 -0.79/20
[22...Bxa2?! 23.Rxc3 Qe6 24.Nf3=]
[⌓22...c2 -1.20/19 ...Nc6-b4! is the strong threat. 23.Rc3 Qd7 *(23...Rxd4 24.Rxc2 Rd7 25.Rfc1±)*]
23.Nf3 -1.42/18 **Rb2∓**
[23...Bxa2 24.Rxc3 Rb6 25.Ra1±]
24.Rc1 Qa6 -0.14/20
[Don't play 24...Rxa2 25.Rcxc3 Qa6 26.Nd2∓]
[24...c2∓ -1.34/18 And now ...Rb2-b1! would win. 25.Kh2 Nb4 *(25...Rxa2 26.Rc3=)*]
25.Rcxc3= Qxa2

(Diagram)



26.Bf1 -0.49/19
[White should play 26.Rd2= 0.27/22 Bxe2 27.Rxb2 Qxb2 28.Rxc6 Bxf3 29.Qxf3 Qxd4 30.Kg2]
26...Rb1!∓ 27.Rxc4 Decoy **27...Qxc4 28.Nd2**



Rxf1+! 29.Kxf1 Qd5 30.Qe4 Qxe4

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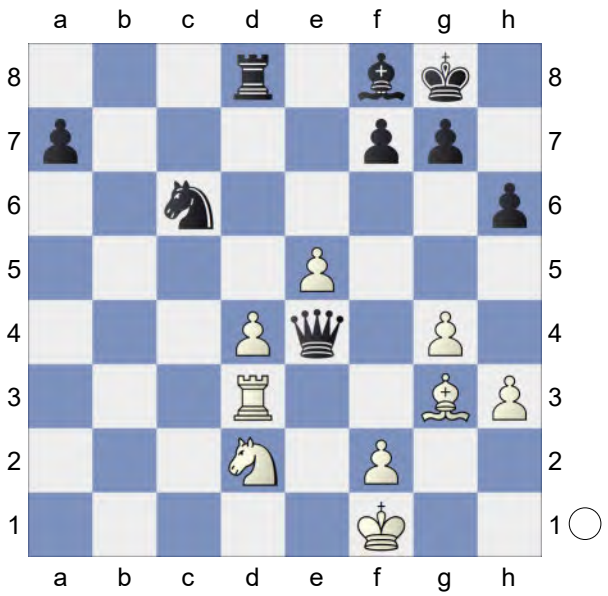
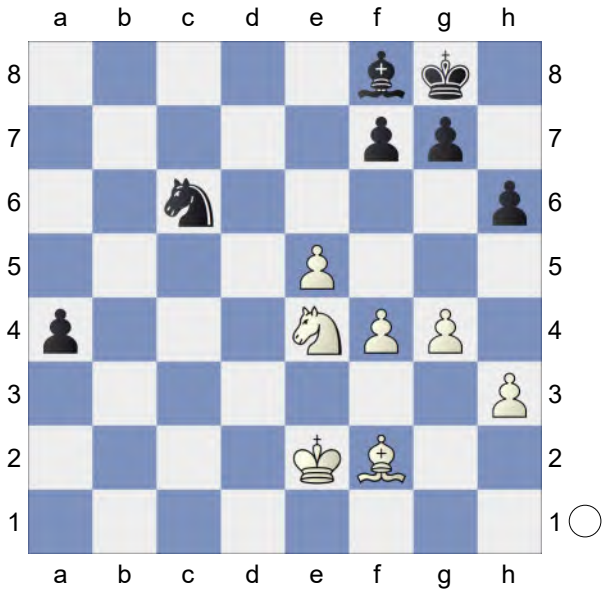


31.Nxe4 Rxd4 32.Rxd4 Nxd4= KBN-KBN **33.f4 a5** Hoping for ...a5-a4. **34.Bf2 Nc6** Strongly threatening ...a5-a4. **35.Ke2** The position is equal. **35...a4**



36.Kd3 a3 37.Kc3 g5

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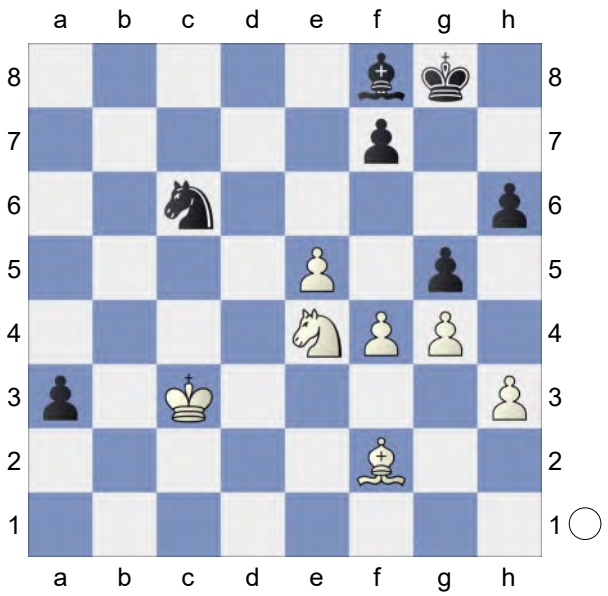

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12 **E20**
□ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2741**
■ **Nguyen,Thai Dai Van** **2668**
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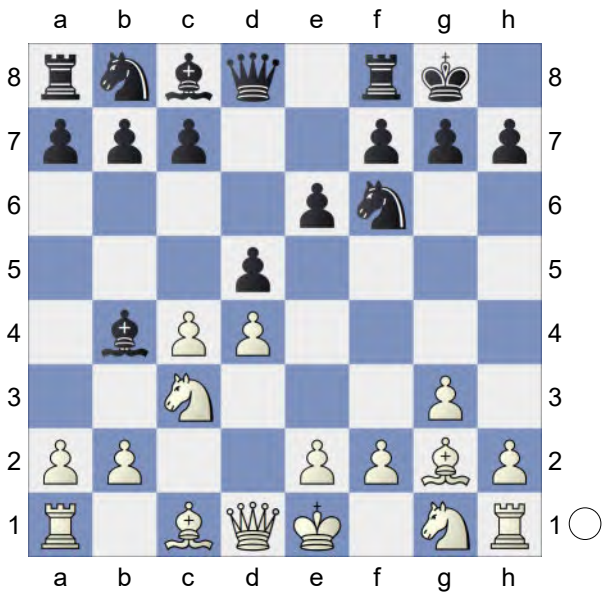
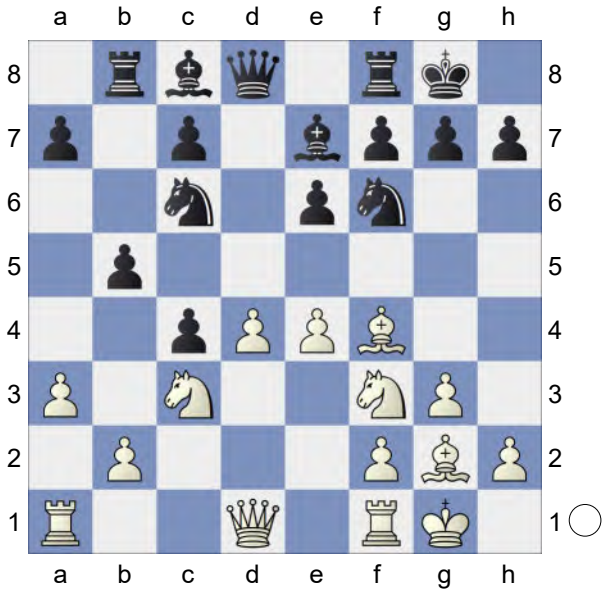
[Kitty Kat]

E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d5**

(Diagram)



6.Nf3 dxc4 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a3 Be7 9.e4 Rb8 10.Bf4 b5

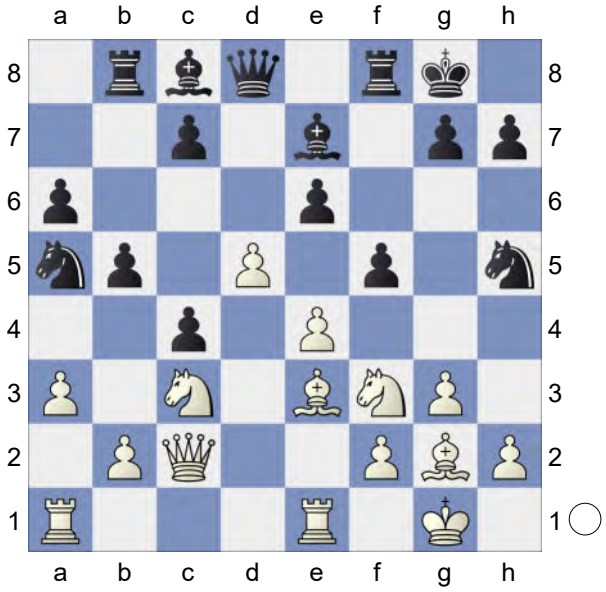


11.Re1 The position is equal. **11...a6! 12.d5 Na5 13.Qc2 Nh5N**
[13...exd5 14.Rad1 Bb7 15.Nd4 Nh5 16.Be5 Bf6 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.e5 Nd7 19.e6 fxe6 20.Nxe6 Qf6 21.Nxf8 Rxf8 22.Nxd5 Bxd5 23.Rxd5 Nb6 24.Rde5 Nb3 25.Re8 Nd4 26.Qe4 c5 27.Rxf8+ Qxf8 28.Qb7 1-0 10.e5 de5 11.fe5 (2380)-Fingerhut,P (2276) ENG corr England 1993 (7) Qd8 29.Bc6 Nxc6 30.Qxc6

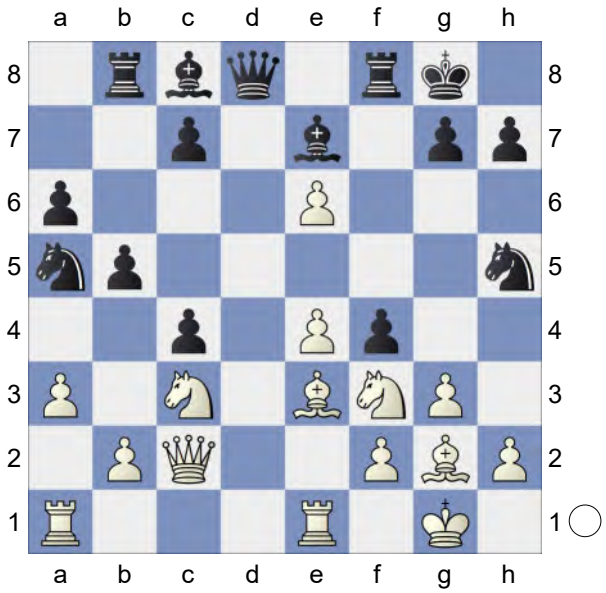
Nd7 31.Rd1 1-0 Sabuk,P (2380)-Fishchuk,V (2276) Malakhatko Memorial op Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (7)]

14.Be3 f5 0.88/21

[Black should try 14...Nf6± 0.31/18]



15.dxe6!± f4



16.Rad1 Qe8 17.gxf4 White is much more active.

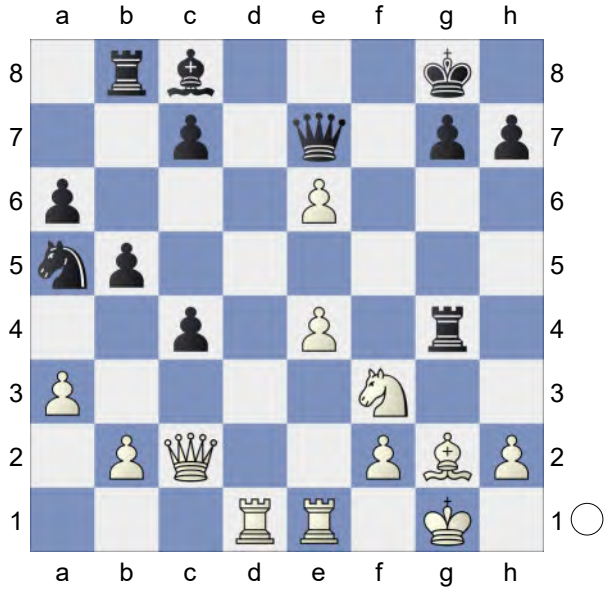
[17.Ba7 Rb7 18.Bd4 Bxe6∓ *(18...c5 19.Be5=)*]

17...Nxf4 18.Bxf4 Rxf4 19.Nd5! Excellent horsemanship. **19...Rg4 20.Nxe7+** 0.01/20

[Don't do 20.Nxc7 Qh5 *(20...Qg6 21.Nd5±)* 21.Nd5 Bc5±]

[20.Nd4± 1.17/19]

20...Qxe7=



21.Qd2↑ Qd2-d8+ would now be deadly. White has the initiative. **21...Bb7?** 3.04/21 Loses the game. **22.Ne5** 1.68/22

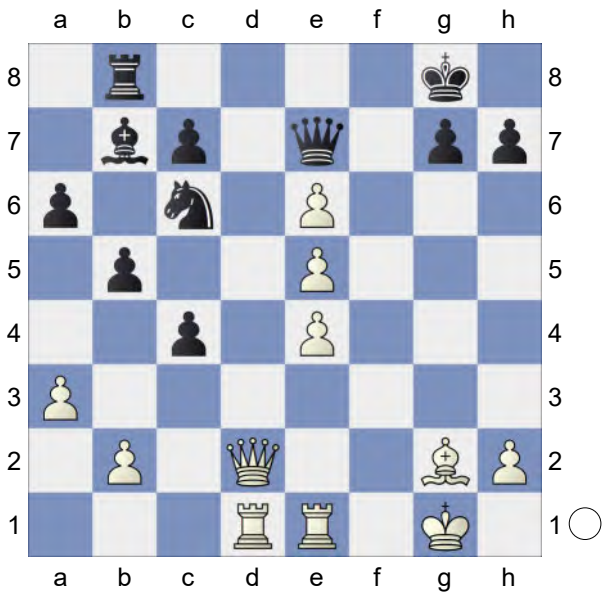
[⌓22.Qxa5 3.04/21 Rf8 23.h3 Rxg2+ 24.Kxg2 Qxe6 25.Qxc7 Bxe4 26.Kh2]

22...Rg5? 4.02/22

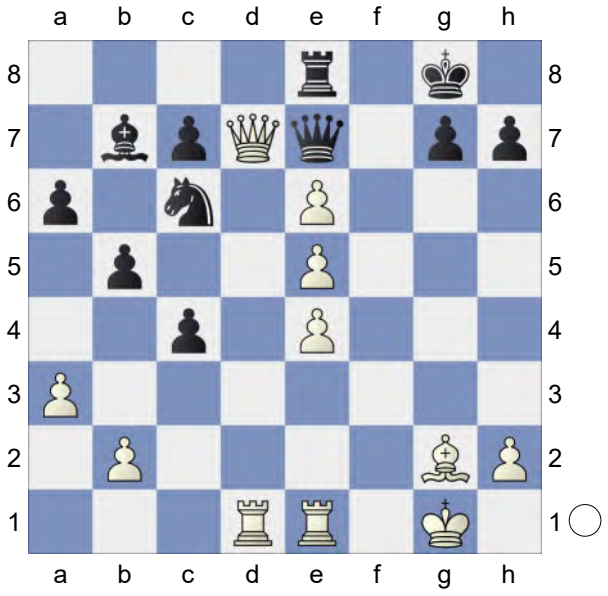
[22...Rxg2+ 1.68/22 was necessary. 23.Kxg2 Nc6]

23.f4+- Rxe5 24.fxe5 Strongly threatening Qd2-d7. **24...Nc6**

(Diagram)

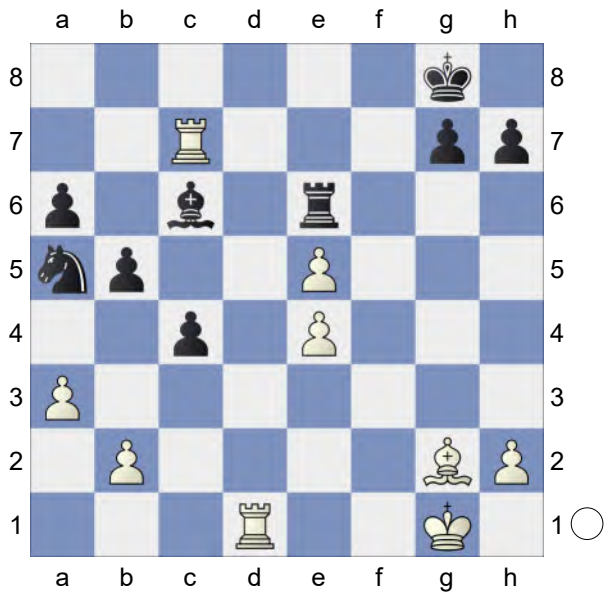


25.Qd7! Re8



26.Qxe7 Rxe7 4.75/23
[⌓26...Nxe7 3.31/24 27.Rd7 Bc8]
27.Rd7 White is clearly winning.
27...Rxe6 28.Rxc7 Na5 29.Rd1
White threatens Rd1-d8+ and mate.
29...Bc6

(Diagram)



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13 **C65**
□ **Giri,A.** **2728**
■ **Navara,D.** **2677**
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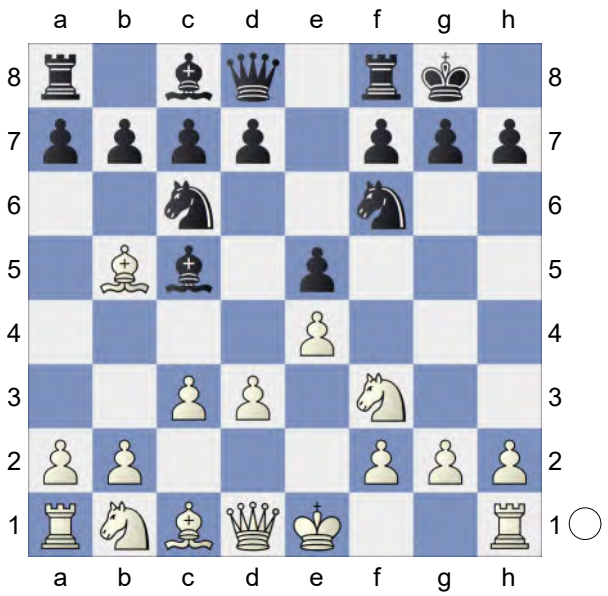
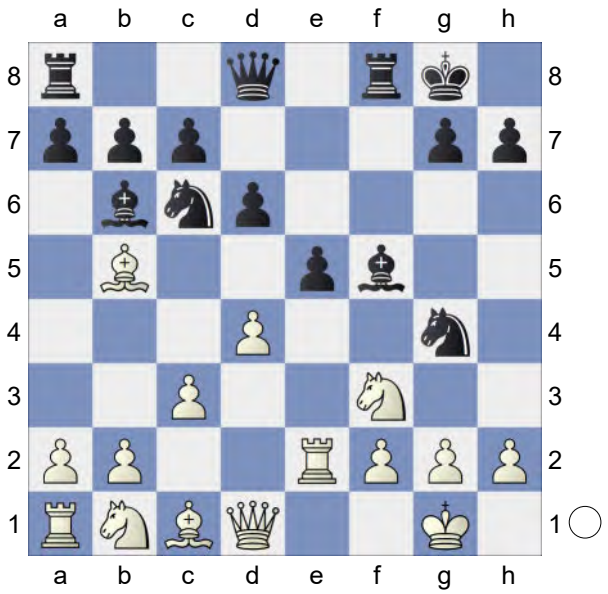
[Kitty Kat]

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 0-0**

(Diagram)



6.0-0 d6 7.Re1 Ng4 8.Re2 f5 9.exf5 The position is equal. **9...Bxf5 10.d4 Bb6**



11.Bg5 Qc8 12.Nbd2 h6 13.Bh4 exd4 14.Bxc6N

[14.cxd4 seems wilder. Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.h3 Nf6 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Qxd4 d5 19.f3 Bg6 20.Re7 #10 30. Anti-Berlin 6...d6 7.Re1-7... Ng4]

14...bxc6 15.Nxd4 Ne5

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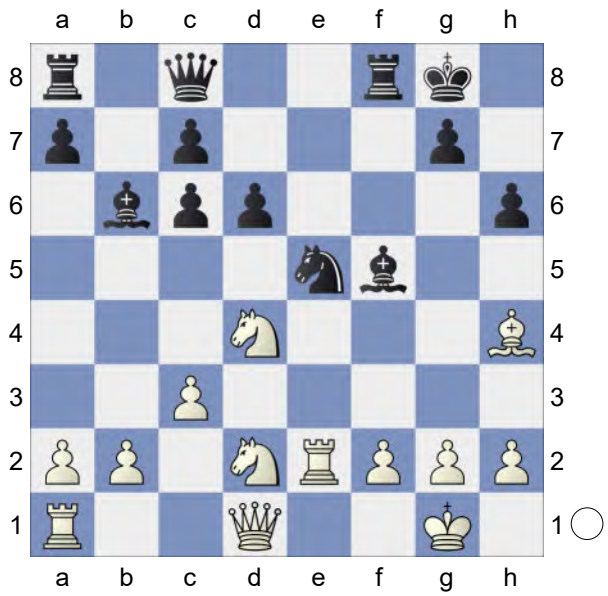
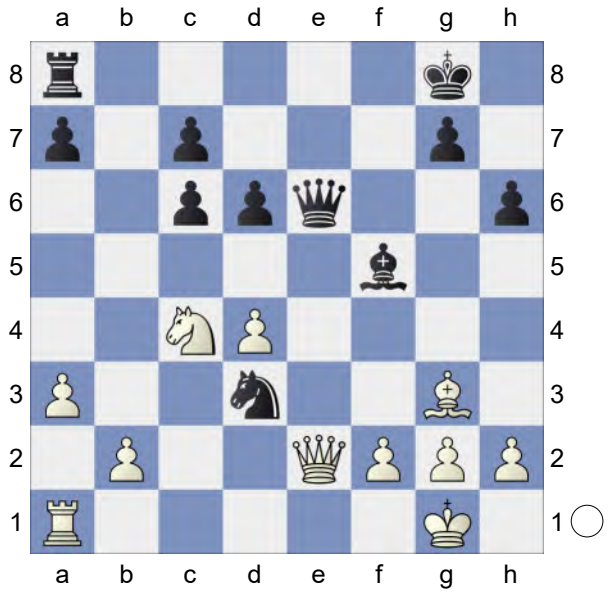


16.Bg3 Bxd4 17.cxd4 Nd3 18.a3 Re8 19.Nc4 Rxe2 20.Qxe2

[20.Qa4 is more complex. Qe6 21.Rf1 Qe4 22.Ne3]

20...Qe6



21.Ne3 Bg6 22.Qc2 c5 23.Qc3 cxd4 24.Qxd4 c5 25.Qxd6 Qxd6

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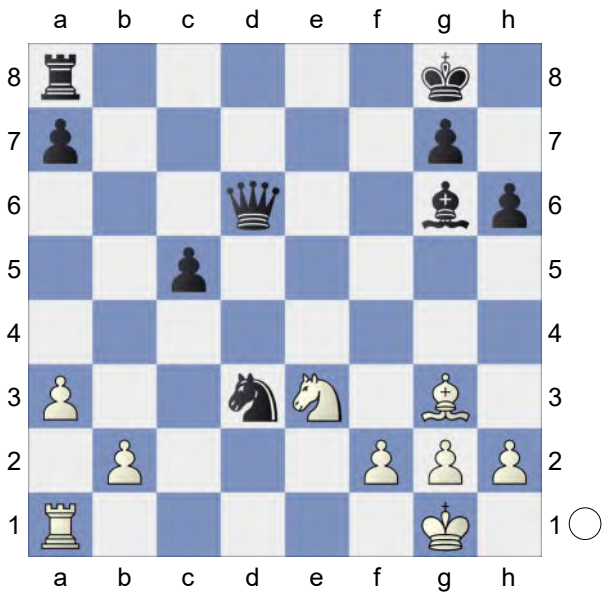
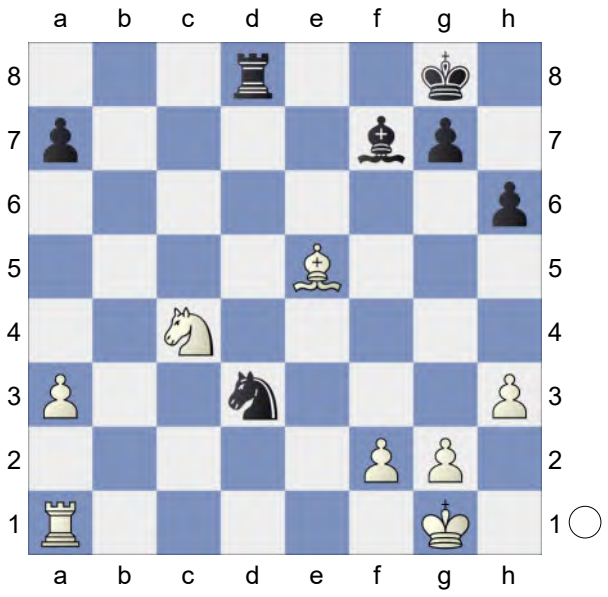


26.Bxd6 Rd8! 27.Bg3 Nxb2 28.h3 c4 0.31/19

[28...Kh7= -0.06/18]

29.Be5± Nd3 30.Nxc4 Bf7



31.Bc7 Rd7 32.Ne5 Nxe5 0.94/23

[Black should try 32...Rxc7± 0.40/22 33.Nxd3 Rc3]

33.Bxe5± White is better. **33...Bb3 34.f3 Rd1+ 35.Rxd1 Bxd1**

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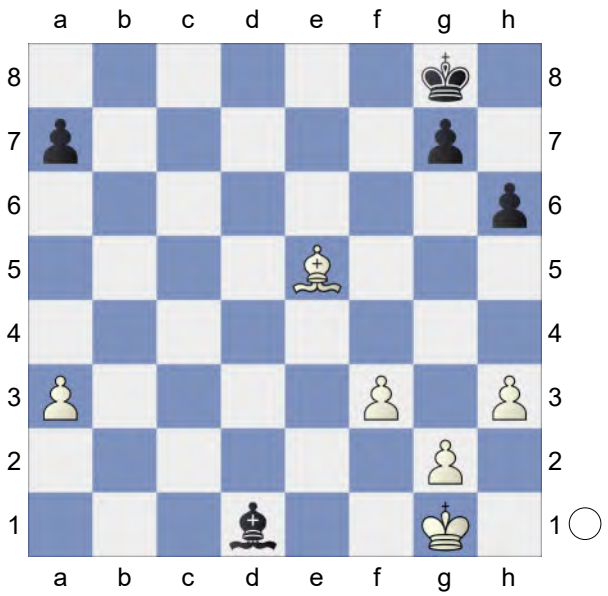
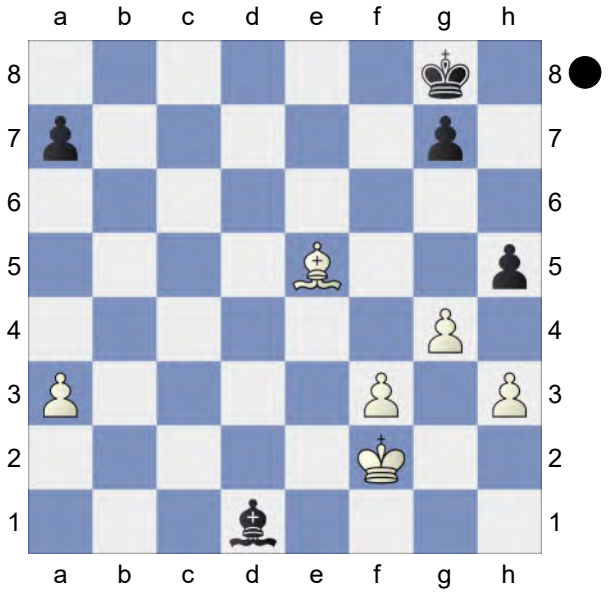


36.Kf2 h5 37.g4



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14 **A21**
□ **Shankland,S.** **2670**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2731**
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[Kitty Kat]

A21: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nf3 Bxc3 4.dxc3 d6 5.e4**

[5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 f6 *(6...Nge7 7.0-0 0-0 8.b4 Be6 9.c5 f6 10.cxd6 cxd6 11.a4 Qd7 12.Ba3 Rad8 13.Qc2 d5 14.Rfd1 Qc7 15.Rac1 Rfe8 16.Nd2 Nc8 17.e4 Qf7 18.b5 N6e7 19.exd5 Bxd5 20.Bxd5 Nxd5 21.c4* ½-½ Kiss,P (2174)-Fuchs,A (2281) World Championship Match, 15th Game Moscow 19 (5)*)* 7.Nd2 Be6 8.e4 Qd7 9.Qh5+ g6 10.Qe2 Bh3 11.f3 Bxg2 12.Qxg2 f5 13.Nf1 0-0-0 14.Ne3 Rf8 15.Bd2 Nd8 16.0-0-0 Ne6 17.b4 h5 18.c5 dxc5 19.Nc4 Qa4 1-0 Miezis,N (2492)-Hillarp Persson,T (2550) Sverige 146/3 2019]

5...Nd7N

[5...Nf6 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.b4 b6 9.a4 a5 10.Bd2 Bb7 11.Qe2 Qe7 12.Nh4 g6 13.Bg5 Qe6 Gavrjushin,O-Mrithyunjay,M Beer-Sheva 54/511 1992]

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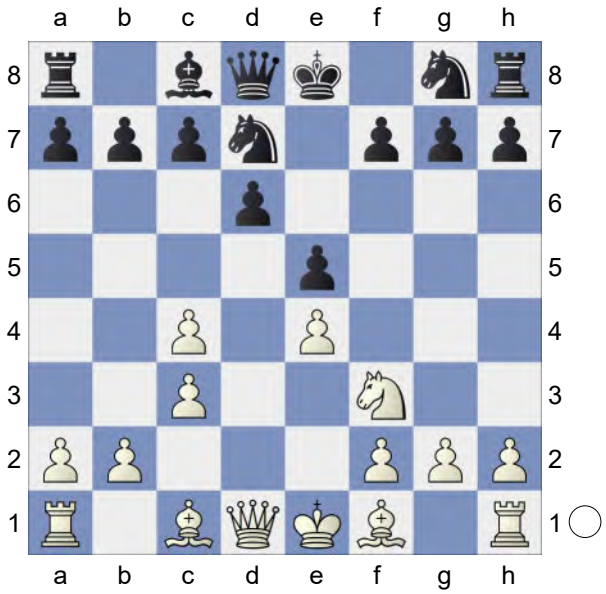
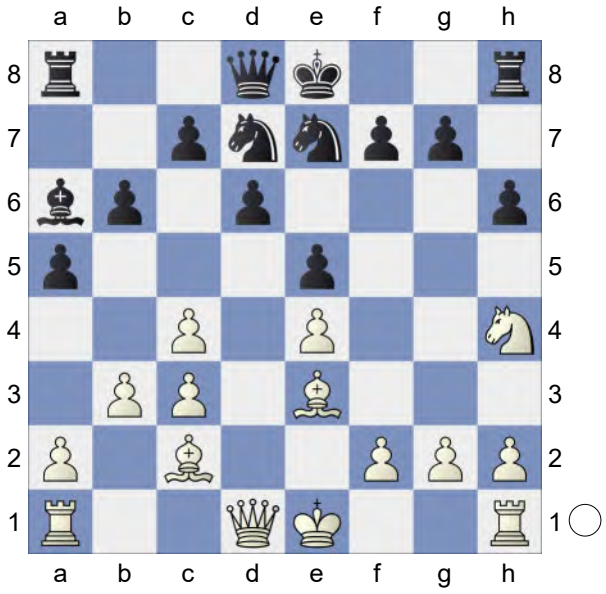


6.Bd3 Ne7 7.Be3 b6 8.Bc2 The position is equal. **8...a5 9.Nh4 Ba6 10.b3 h6**



11.a4 Bb7 12.Qe2 Nf6 13.f3 g5 14.Nf5 Nxf5 15.exf5 Qe7

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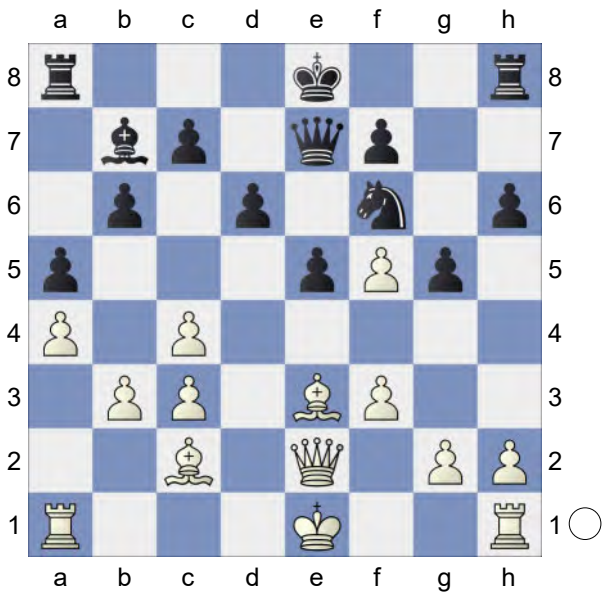
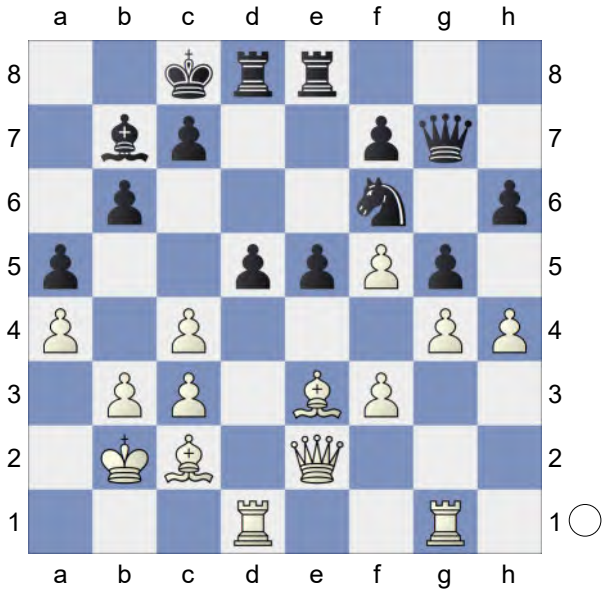
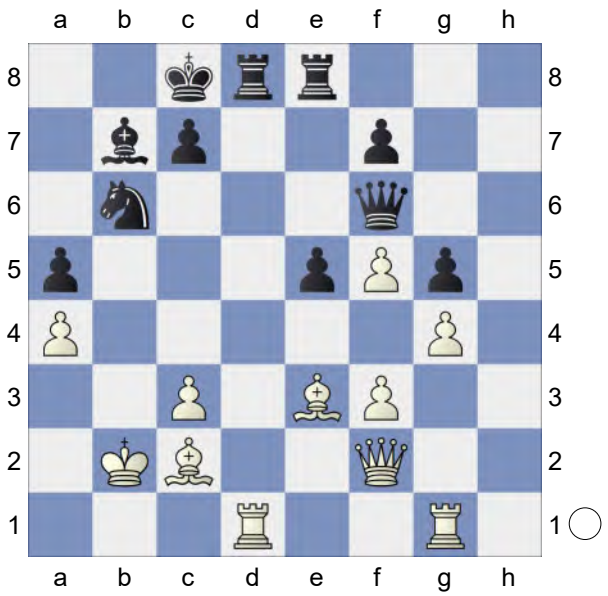


16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Kb2 Qf8 18.h4 Qg7 19.g4 Rhe8 20.Rhg1 d5

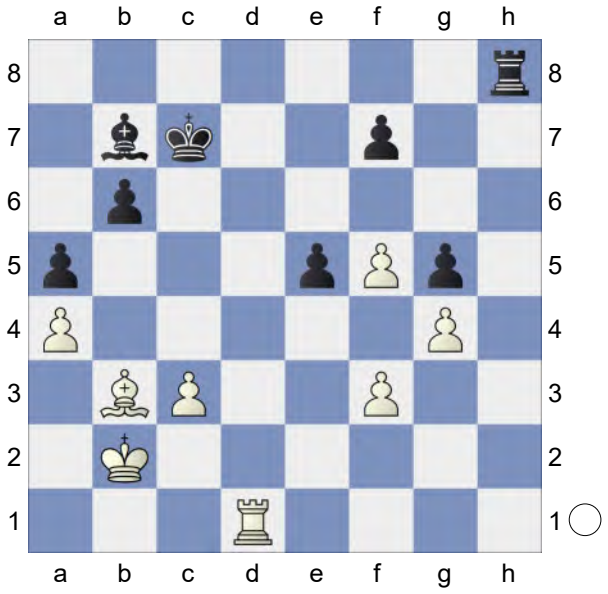


21.hxg5 hxg5 22.Qf2 -0.35/21
[22.cxd5= 0.12/19 feels stronger. Nxd5 23.Be4]
22...dxc4∓ 23.bxc4 Nd7 24.c5 Qf6 25.cxb6 Nxb6

(Diagram)

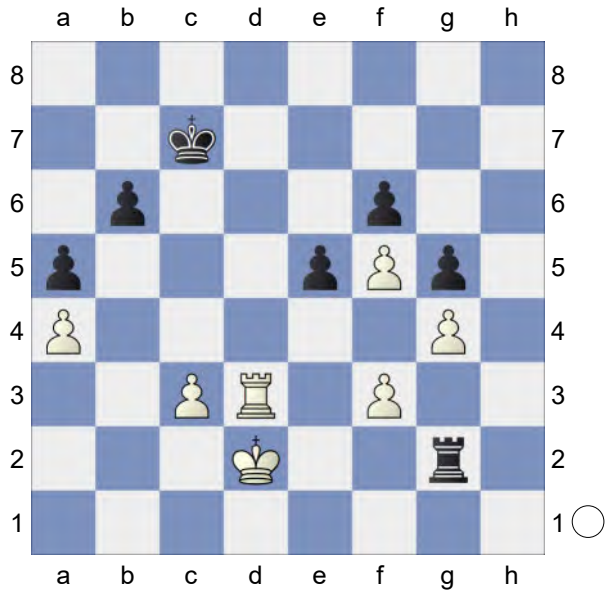


26.Bb3
[26.Bxb6 simplifies Qxb6+ 27.Qxb6 cxb6 28.Be4]
26...Rh8 27.Bxb6 Qxb6 28.Qxb6 cxb6 29.Rxd8+ -0.75/23
[29.Bxf7= -0.01/22 Bxf3 30.Rxd8+ Kxd8 31.f6]
29...Kxd8= Endgame. KRB-KRB
30.Rd1+ Kc7!

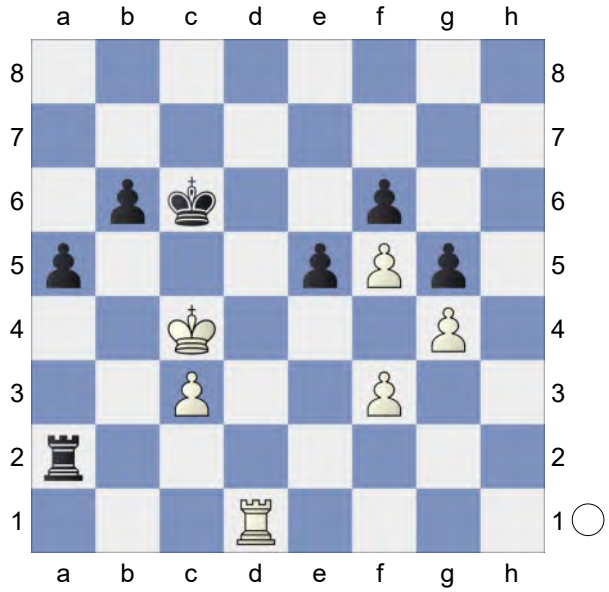


31.Bd5 Bxd5 32.Rxd5∓ KR-KR **32...f6 33.Rd3 Rh3 34.Kc2 Rg3 35.Kd2** -1.68/23
[35.c4∓ -0.74/24]

35...Rg2+!-+

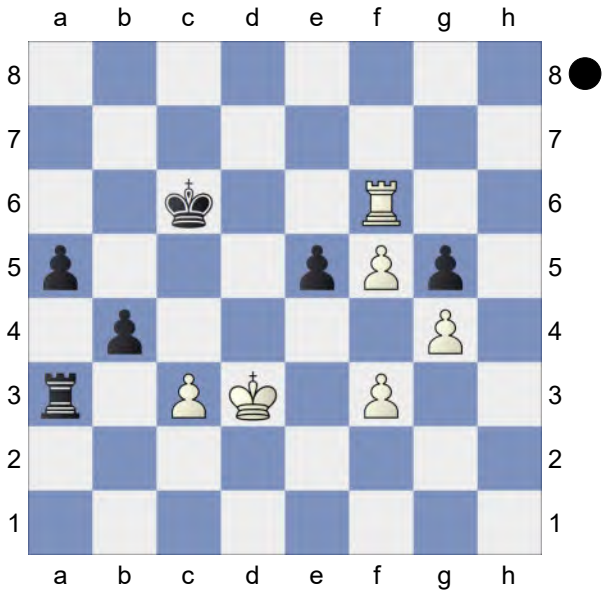


36.Ke3 Ra2 37.Ke4 Rxa4+ -0.74/26
[⌓37...Kc6 -1.32/26 aiming for ...Ra2-e2+. 38.Ke3 Rxa4]
38.Kd5∓ Kd7 39.Rd1 -1.54/26
Inhibits Ra4-a1. Black converts the advantage convincingly.
[39.c4!= -0.23/25 remains equal.]
39...Ra2 40.Kc4+ Kc6

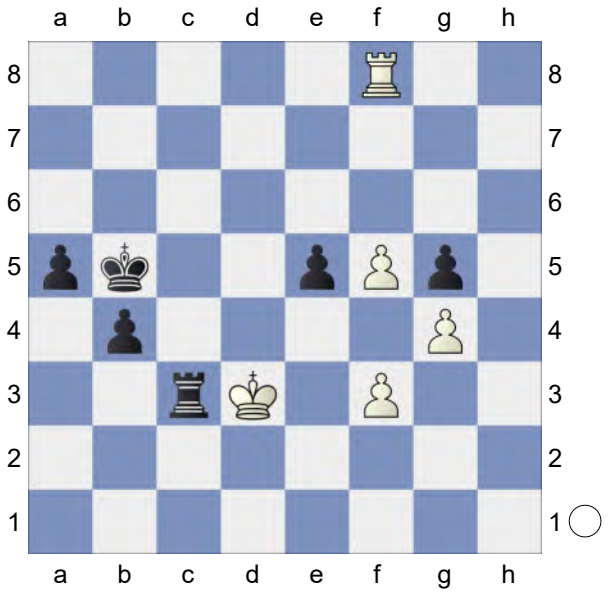


41.Rd8 b5+ 42.Kd3 Ra3 Strongly threatening ...b5-b4. Black is more active. **43.Rf8** -2.43/22
[43.Ke2∓ -1.22/22]

43...b4-+ 44.Rxf6+



Kb5!
[44...Kd5 45.Ra6∓]
45.Rf8 Black must now prevent Rf8-b8+.
45...Rxc3+



46.Ke4

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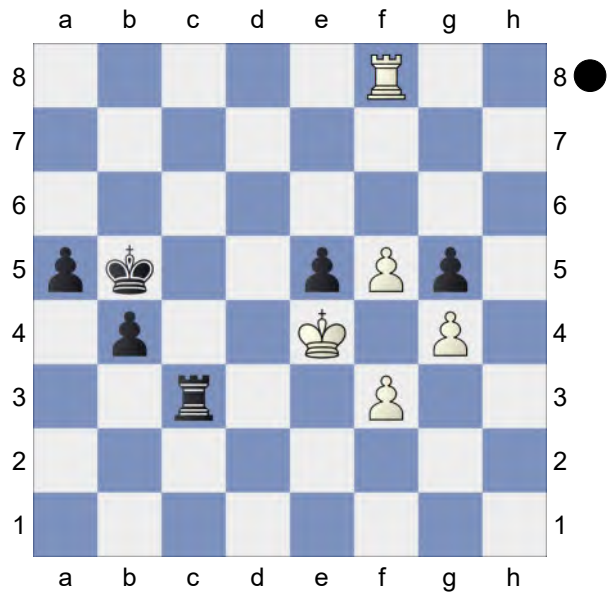
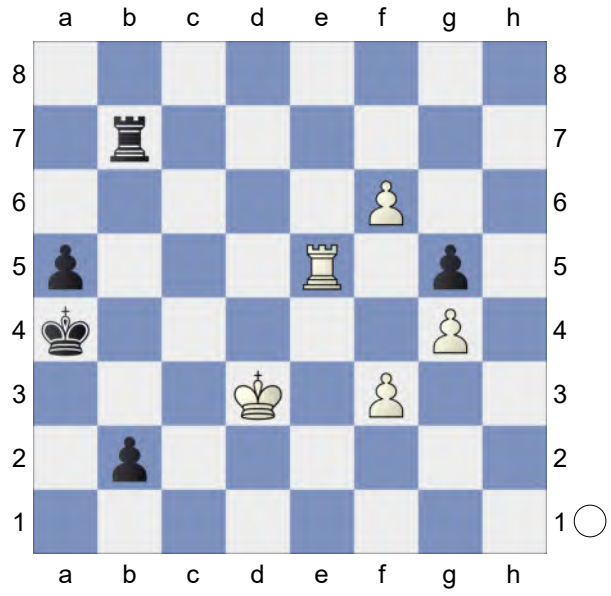
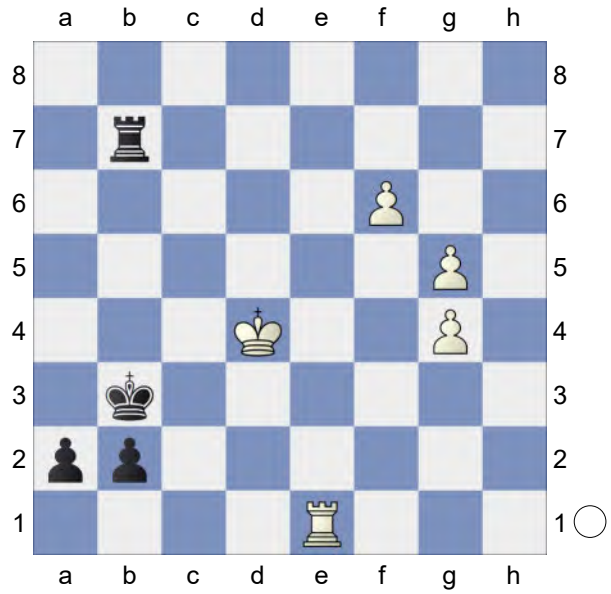


Rc7! 47.f6 Rb7 48.Re8 b3 Threatens to win with ...b3-b2. **49.Kd3?** -12.15/20
[49.Kxe5 -3.66/23 b2 50.f7 Rxf7 *(50...b1B? 51.f8Q+-)* 51.Rb8+ Kc5 52.Rxb2]
49...Ka4 50.Rxe5 b2



51.Re1 Kb3
[And not 51...b1N 52.f4 Rd7+ *(52...gxf4 53.Re4+ Kb3 54.g5+-)* 53.Ke3 gxf4+ *(53...Na3? 54.fxg5 Nc2+ 55.Ke2+-)* 54.Kf3±]
[51...b1B+? 52.Kc4-+]
52.f4 a4 And now ...a4-a3 would win.

53.fxg5 a3 (→ ...a3-a2) **54.Kd4 a2**



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15 **D38**
□ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR.** **2729**
■ **Wei Yi** **2755**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (3) 28.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) I think this line is a reasonable option for those who want to create some pressure without much risk. Black should be fine, but some precision is required. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qb3 c5**

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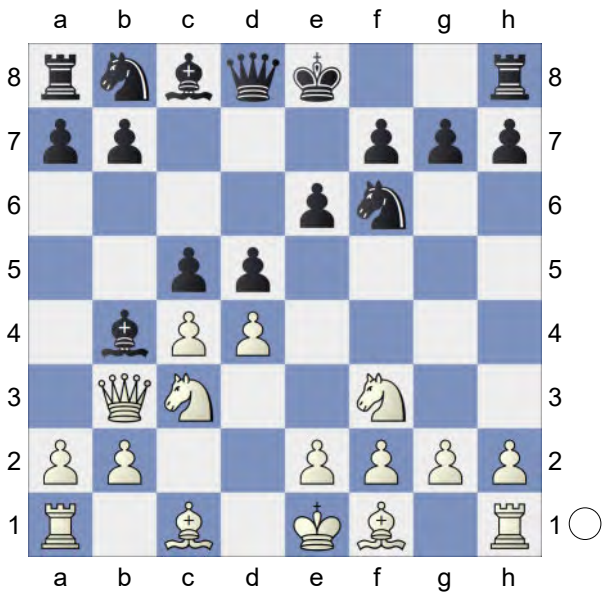
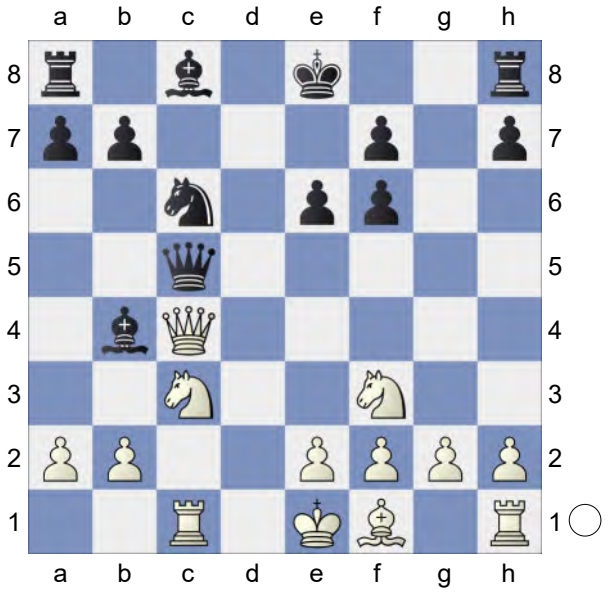


6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Bg5 Qa5 8.Bxf6 dxc4 White has an edge. **9.Qxc4 gxf6 10.Rc1 Qxc5**



11.Qf4

[11.Qh4 Ke7 12.g3 Bxc3+ 13.Rxc3 Qb4 14.Qxb4+ Nxb4 15.a3 Nd5 16.Rc1 e5 17.Bg2 Be6 18.Nh4 Rac8 19.0-0 Rhd8 20.Be4 h6 21.Nf5+ ½-½ Lupulescu,C (2591)-Santos Latasa,J (2630) Alba Iulia Final ROM GP Gp-D rapid 2024 (4)]

11...Ke7 12.g3 e5

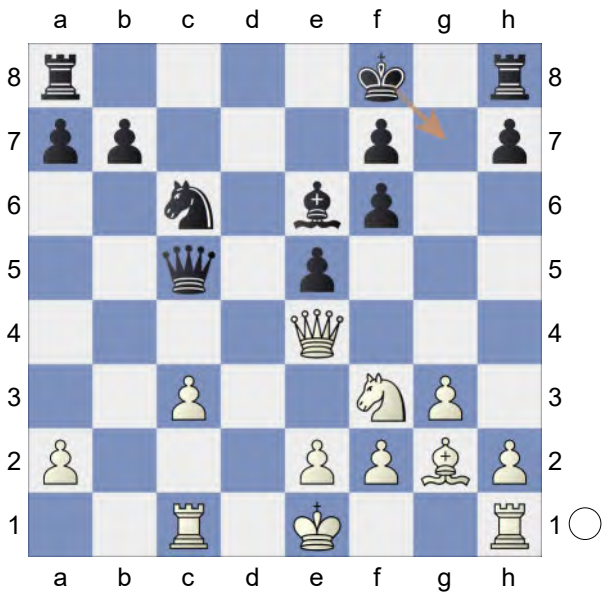
[12...Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Bd7 14.Bg2 Rac8 15.0-0 b6 16.Rfd1 Ne5 17.Nd4 Nc4 18.h4 Qc7 19.Qh6 Rcg8 20.Rb1 Rg6 21.Qh5 Rhg8 22.Nb5 Qe5 23.Qxe5 fxe5 24.Nxa7 Ne3 25.Rd2 Nc4 26.Rd3 Rg4 27.Rb4 1-0 Lozon Urena,X (2862)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2765) Norway Masters blitz 5th Stavanger 2017 (3.8)]

13.Qe4N -0.04/20

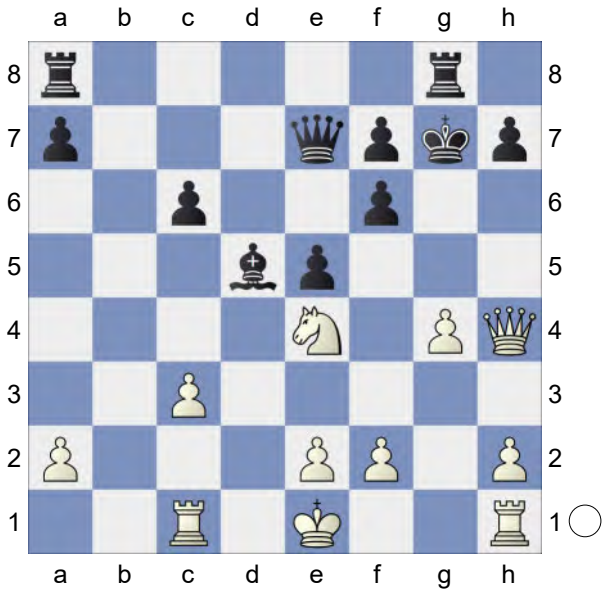
[13.Qh6± 0.32/20 Be6 *(13...Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Be6 15.Bh3 e4 16.Bxe6 exf3 17.Bg4 fxe2 18.Rc2 Ne5 19.Bxe2 Rad8 20.0-0 Rd6 21.Re1 Re6 22.Rd1 Rd6 23.Rxd6 Qxd6 24.Qe3 Kf8 25.Qxa7 Qc6 26.f4 Nd7 27.Rb2 b6 28.Rd2* 1-0 Wang,H (2680)-Vidit,S (2687) Asian Continental op 16th Chengdu 2017 (5)) 14.Bh3 Bxh3 15.Qxh3 Nd4 16.0-0 Bxc3 17.Nxd4 exd4 18.bxc3 dxc3 19.Qg2 Rac8 20.Qxb7+ Rc7 21.Qe4+ Qe5 22.Qa4 Rd8 23.Qa3+ Ke8 24.Rc2 Rd2 25.Rb1 Qe4 26.Rb8+ Kd7 27.Rc1 c2 28.Qb3 0-1 Bruzon Batista,L (2691)-Lenderman,A (2617) WchT 10th Tsaghkadzor 2015 (9.1) Qc4 29.Qe3 Rd1+ 30.Kg2 Qd5+ 31.f3 Qe5 32.Qa3 Qxe2+ 33.Kh3 Qf1+ 34.Kh4 Rc4+ 35.g4 Qf2+ 36.Kh3 Rd2 37.Rh1 c1Q 0-1 Cox,A (2691)-Lomakina,O (2617) (ch) 52/149 United States 1991 (9.1)]

13...Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Be6 15.Bg2 Kf8

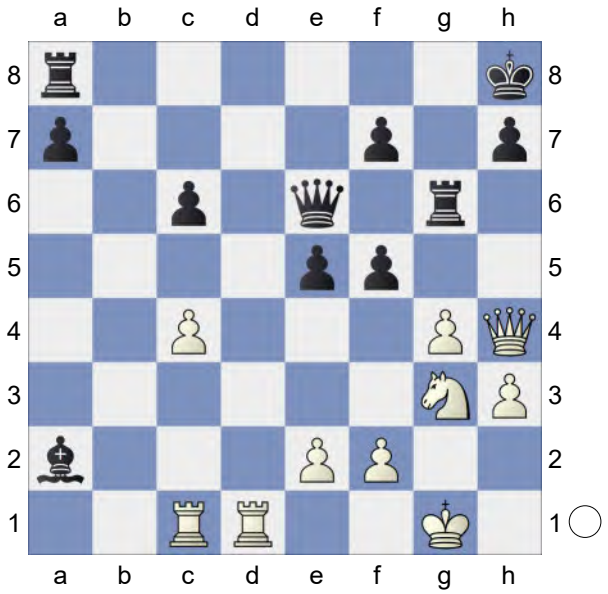
(Diagram)



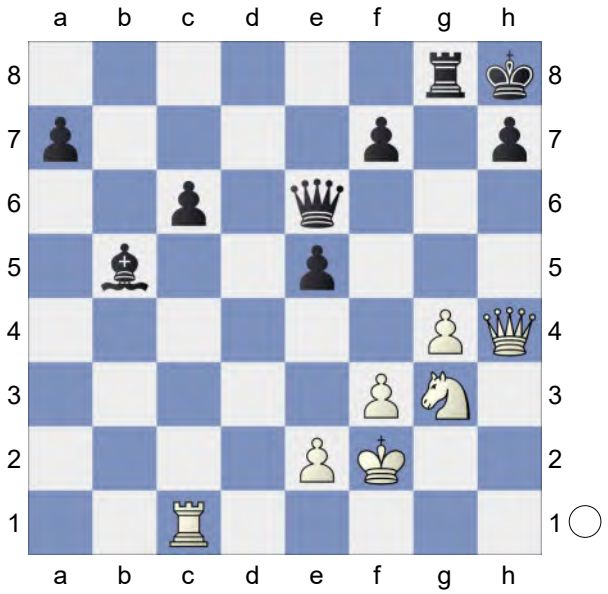
16.Qh4 Kg7
[16...Bxa2? 17.Qxf6 Kg8 18.Qg5+ Kf8 19.Qh6+ Ke7 20.0-0+-]
17.Nd2 Qe7
[17...Bxa2 18.Qg4+ Kf8 19.Qf5+-]
18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.g4 Rhg8 20.Ne4 Bd5



21.Ng3 Kh8! 22.0-0 Bxa2 23.c4 Qe6 24.h3 Rg6! 25.Rfd1 -0.73/22
[25.Rc2∓ -0.32/20 Bb3 *(25...Bxc4 26.Rfc1∓)* 26.Rc3 Bxc4 27.Rfc1]
25...f5? 1.61/22
[25...Bxc4∓ -0.73/22 26.e4 Bb3]



26.f3 0.39/22
[26.Rd8+ Rxd8 27.Qxd8+ Rg8]
[26.Ra1!+- 1.61/22 Hoping for g4xf5. Bb3 27.Rxa7 *(27.Rd8+ Rxd8 28.Qxd8+ Rg8±)*]
26...Rag8± 27.Rd8! fxg4 28.hxg4 Bxc4 29.Rxg8+ Rxg8 30.Kf2!
Black must now prevent Ng3-f5.
30...Bb5? 1.98/23
[Black should try 30...Bd5± 0.43/22]



31.Ne4 1.04/21

[31.Rh1+- 1.98/23 h6 32.Nf5 *(32.Qxh6+ Qxh6 33.Rxh6+ Kg7±)*]

31...Kg7 2.72/25

[31...f5± 1.04/21 32.Nf6 Qe7 *(32...Rg7 33.Rd1±)*]

32.Rh1+-

[32.Ra1 Qh6 33.Qxh6+ Kxh6±]

32...Qg6

[32...h6 33.Rd1 *(33.g5 Kh8±)* 33...Qc4 34.Rd2+-]

33.Qe7 Qe6 34.Qg5+

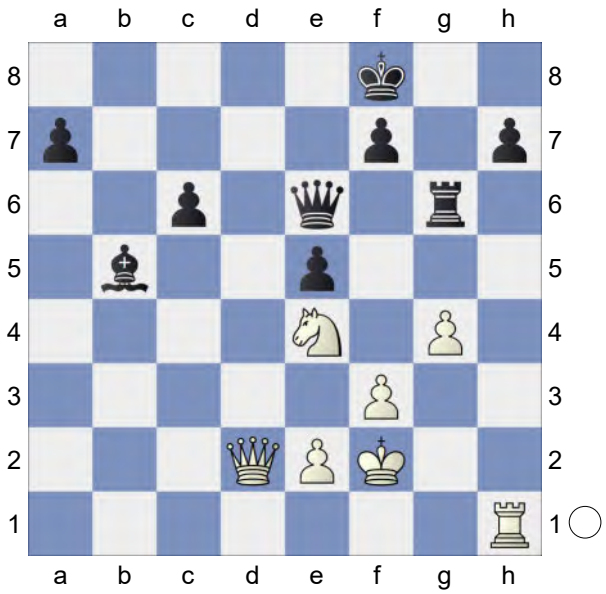
[34.Rxh7+? Kxh7 35.Qh4+ Kg7 36.Qg5+ Qg6 37.Qxe5+ f6-+]

34...Kf8 35.Qd2 0.89/23

[35.Qe3?! Rg6±]

[35.Qh4+- 2.40/22 has better winning chances.]

35...Rg6±



36.Qd8+! White has strong compensation.

[36.Rxh7 Qd5]

36...Qe8

[36...Kg7? 37.Ng5 Rxg5 38.Qxg5+ Kh8 39.Rd1+- *(39.Rh6 f6+-)*]

37.Qh4 White is much more active.

37...h6

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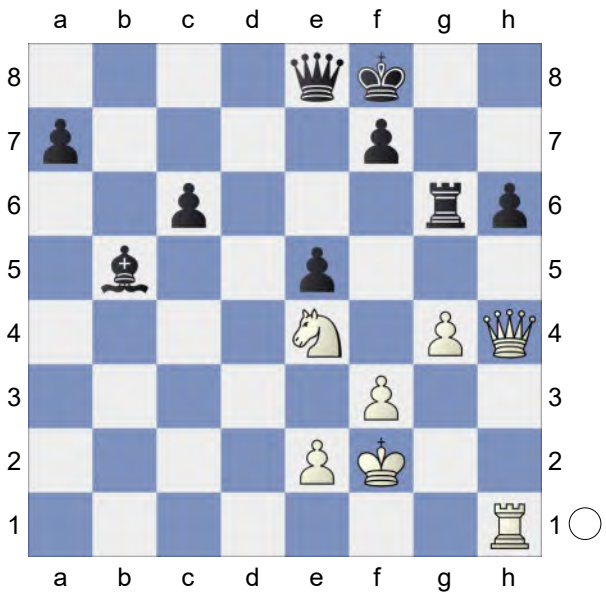
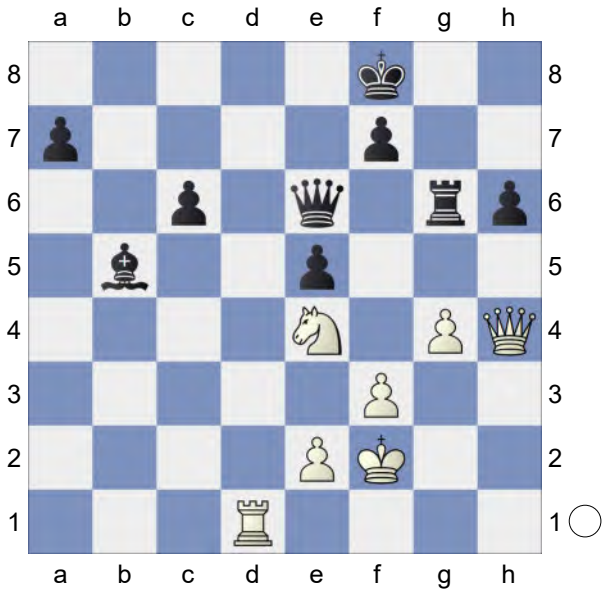


38.Rd1 Prevents Qe8-d7. Threatens to win with Rd1-d8. **38...Qe6?** 3.44/24

[38...Kg7± 0.73/25 is a better defense.]



39.Qd8+!+- Kg7 40.Rd6 Qc4

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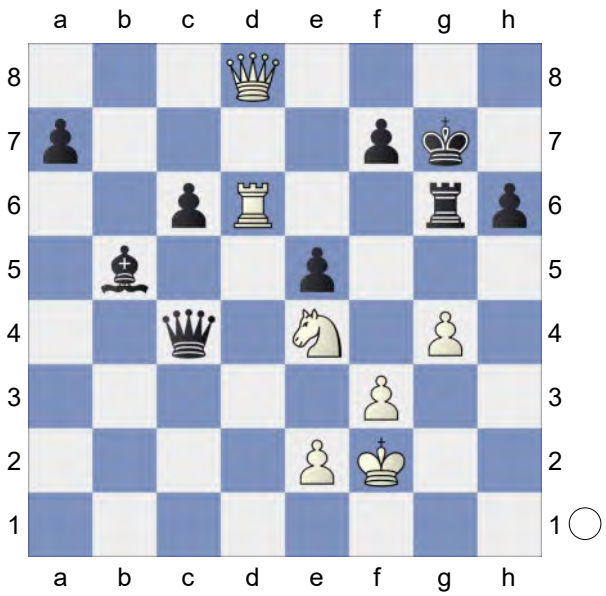

And now ...Rg6xd6 would win. **41.Rxg6+ fxg6 42.Qf6+ Kh7** 10.36/23

[⌓42...Kg8 4.85/26 43.Qxg6+ *(43.Qxe5 Qxe2+ 44.Kg3 Qe1+ 45.Kh2 Qe2+ 46.Kg1 Qf1+ 47.Kh2 Qe2+ 48.Kg1 Qf1+ 49.Kh2 Qe2+=)* 43...Kf8 44.Qxh6+ Kg8 45.Qg5+ Kf8 46.Qd8+ *(46.Qxe5 Qxe2+ 47.Kg3 Bd3±)* 46...Kg7 47.Qe7+ Qf7 48.Qxe5+ Kf8]

43.Qe7+

[Not 43.Qxe5 Qxe2+ 44.Kg3 Qe1+ 45.Kh2 Qe2+ 46.Kg3 Qe1+ 47.Kh2 Qe2+ 48.Kg3=]

43...Kh8 44.Kg3

[44.Qxa7 Qxe2+ 45.Kg3 Qe1+ 46.Kh2 Qe2+ 47.Kg3 Qe1+ 48.Kh2 Qe2+ 49.Kg3=]

[Weaker is 44.Qxe5+ Kg8±]

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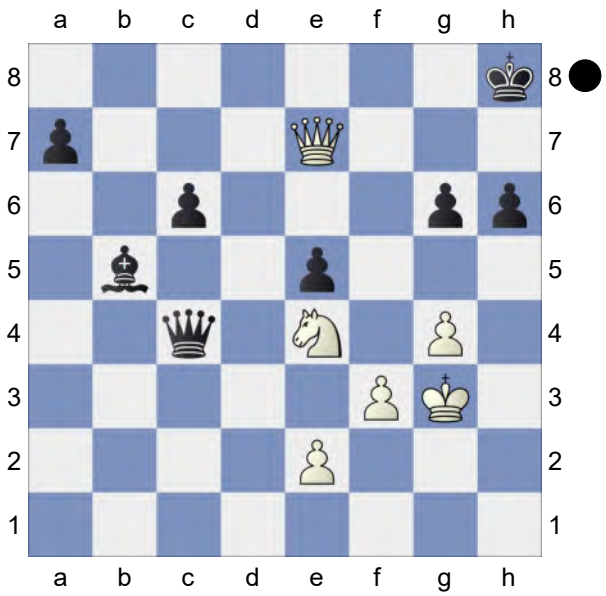

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16 **D35**

□ **Nguyen,Thai Dai Van** **2668**

■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2739**

7th Prague Masters 2025 (4) 01.03.2025

[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6**

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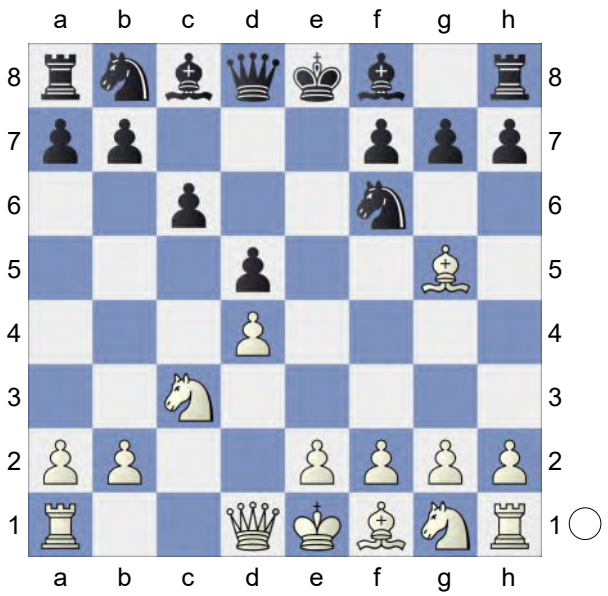
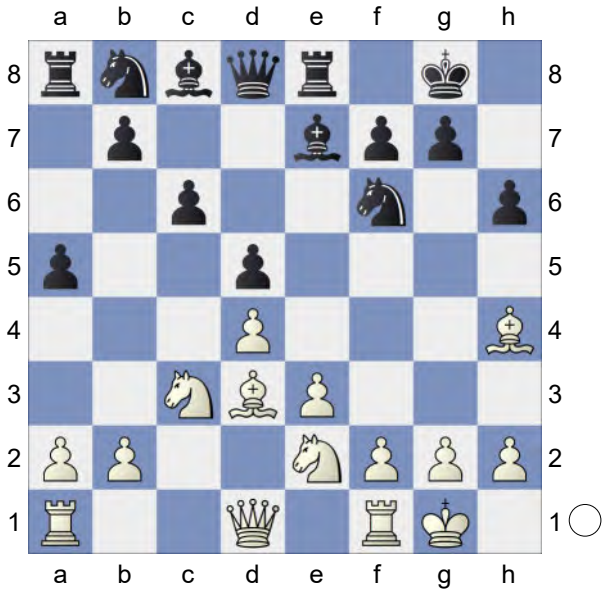


6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Nge2 Re8 10.0-0 a5



11.Rc1 Nbd7 12.Re1N

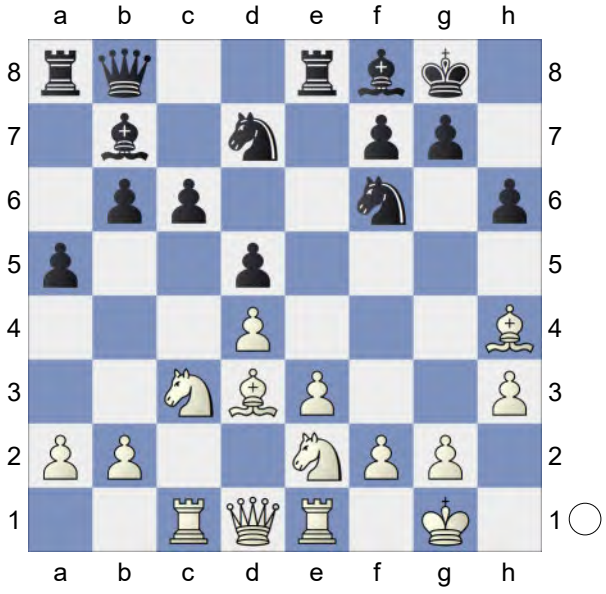
[12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nxc5 14.dxc5 Nd7 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Nd4 Ne5 17.Bb1 Bd7 18.h3 Qf6 19.b3 a4 20.Re1 Ra7 21.Qh5 Raa8 22.Rcd1 Ra7 23.Qe2 Ng6 24.Qf3 Qg5 25.Kh2 axb3 26.axb3 Nf8 ½-½ Caruana,F (2763)-Xiong,J (2690) ch Saint Louis 2022 (11)]

[12.f3 b5 13.Bf2 Nb6 14.Ng3 Bf8 15.b3 a4 16.h3 h5 17.Re1 Bd6 18.Nf1 Ba6 19.Nb1 axb3 20.axb3 Bb4 21.Re2 c5 22.dxc5 Nbd7 23.c6 Nc5 24.Bf5 Bc8 25.Bc2 Qe7 26.Bh4 Ra6 0-1 Jumabayev,R (2571)-Zhao,Z (2452) Singapore op 2024 (6)]

[12.Bg3 Nf8 13.Kh1 Bd6 14.Qd2 3) Queen's Gambit Declined 3.-Queen's Gambit Declined 3...N]

[12.h3 Nh5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.g4 Nhf6 15.Ng3 Nf8 16.Qf3 g6 17.Rce1 Bd7 18.Qg2 c5 19.dxc5 Bc6 20.Nb5 d4 21.e4 Ne6 22.Nd6 Rf8 23.Bc4 Nxc5 24.Ngf5 gxf5 25.Nxf5 Qc7 26.g5 Kh8 0-1 Khismatullin,D (2594)-Artemiev,V (2701) Moscow Region Cup rapid 2022 (7)]

12...b6 13.Bg3 Bb7 14.h3 Bf8 15.Bh4 Qb8

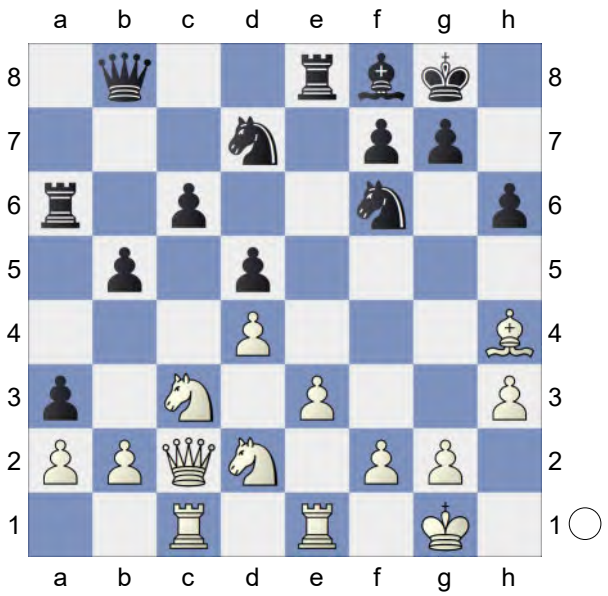


16.Qc2 Ba6 17.Bxa6

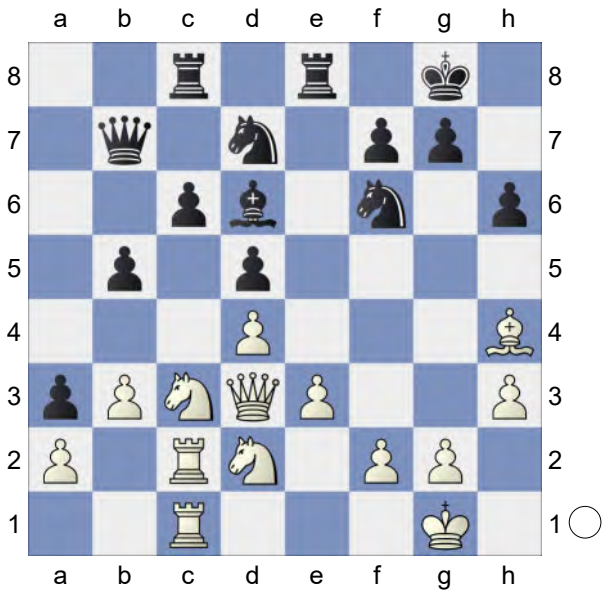
[17.Bf5 is more complex. b5 18.Nb1 b4 19.Qxc6 Rc8 20.Qa4]

17...Rxa6 18.Nb1 b5 19.Nd2 a4 20.Nc3 a3

(Diagram)



aiming for ...a3xb2. **21.b3 Bb4 22.Red1 Qb7 23.Qd3 Raa8 24.Rc2 Rac8 25.Rdc1 Bd6**



26.Bxf6 Nxf6 27.Qf5 Re6 28.Ne2 Rce8 -0.01/20

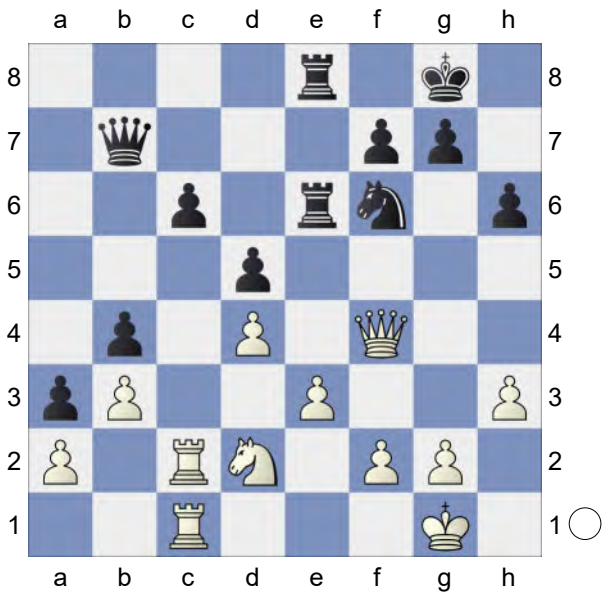
[28...g6∓ -0.37/20 29.Qf3 Kg7]

29.Nf4=

[29.Rxc6? perishes. Bh2+ 30.Kxh2 Rxc6 31.Rxc6 Qxc6-+]

29...Bxf4 30.Qxf4 b4

(Diagram)



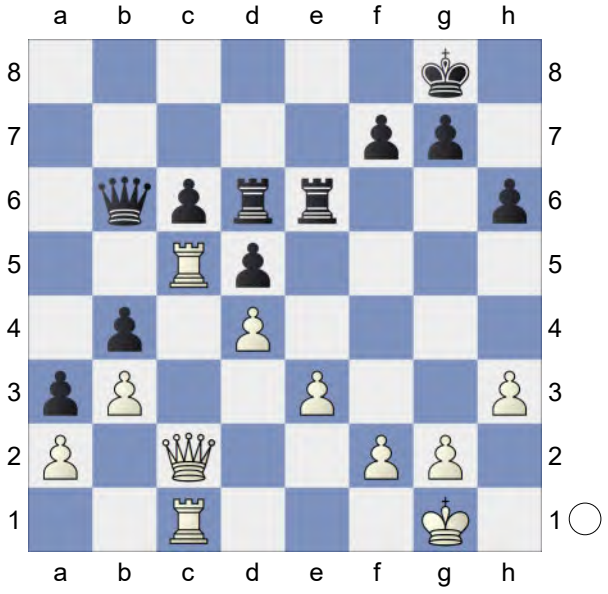
31.Qf5 0.00/20

[Better is 31.Rc5∓ -0.51/18]

31...Rd6 32.Qd3

[32.Nf3 is interesting. Ne4 33.Ne5 g6 34.Qf4]

32...Ne4 The position is equal. **33.Nxe4 Rxe4 34.Rc5 Qb6 35.Qc2 Ree6**



36.Qd2 Kf8 37.Re1 Kg8 38.Re2 Kf8 39.Rc1 Qb5 40.Qc2 g6

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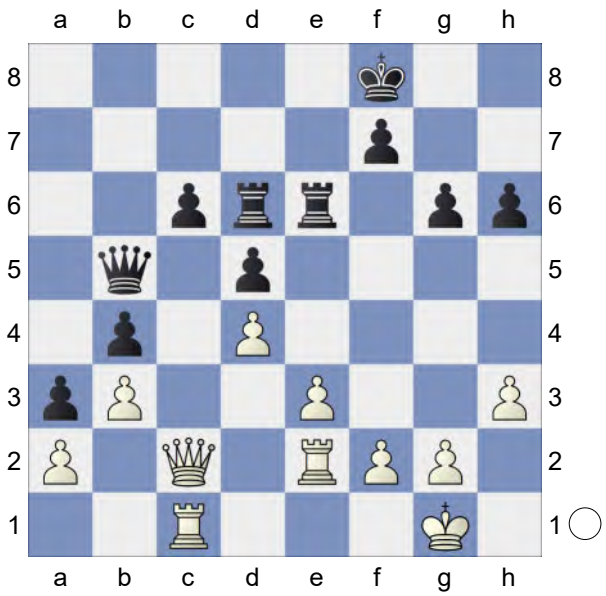
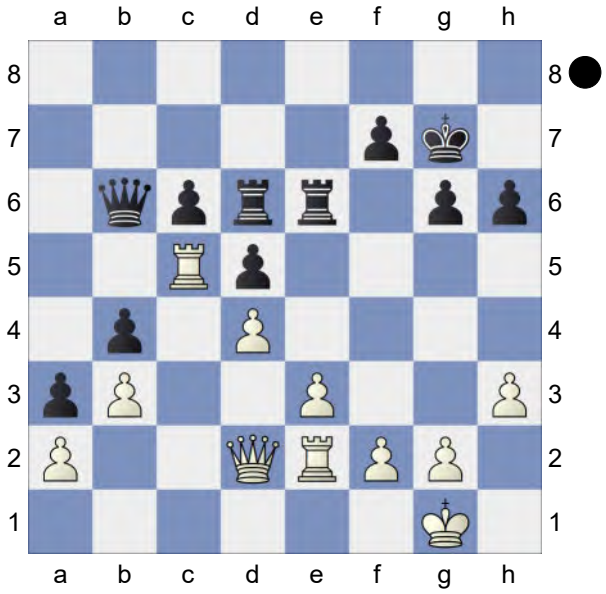


41.Qd2 Kg7 42.Rc5 Qb6 43.Qe1 Kg8 44.Qc1 Kg7 45.Qd2



A rather calm draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

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17 **B52**

□ **Gurel,Ediz** **2624**

■ **Giri,A.** **2728**

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[Kitty Kat]

B52: Sicilian: Moscow Variation with 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**

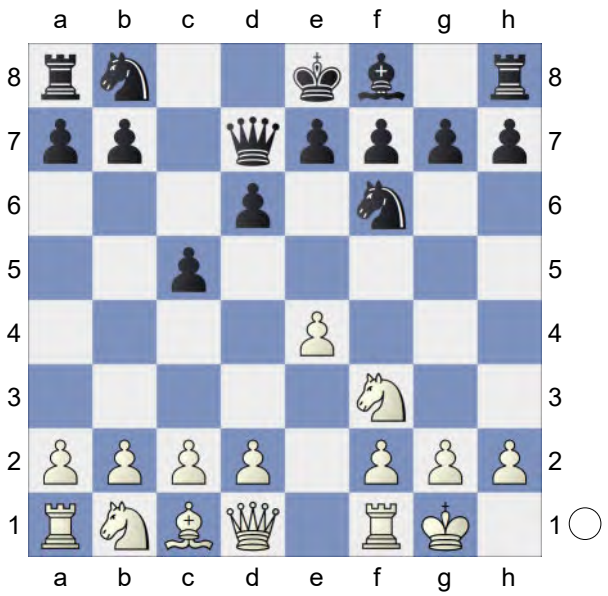
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Hazai,L (2440)-Perenyi,B (2270) Hungarian Championship Budapest 1977]

3...Bd7N

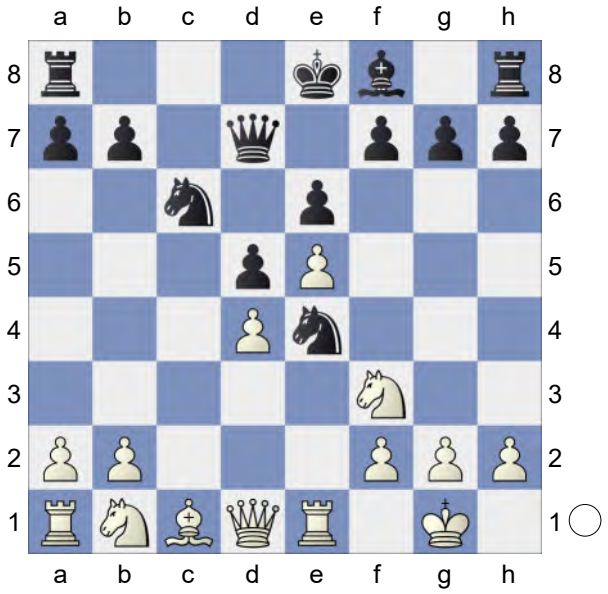
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]

4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.0-0 Nf6

(Diagram)

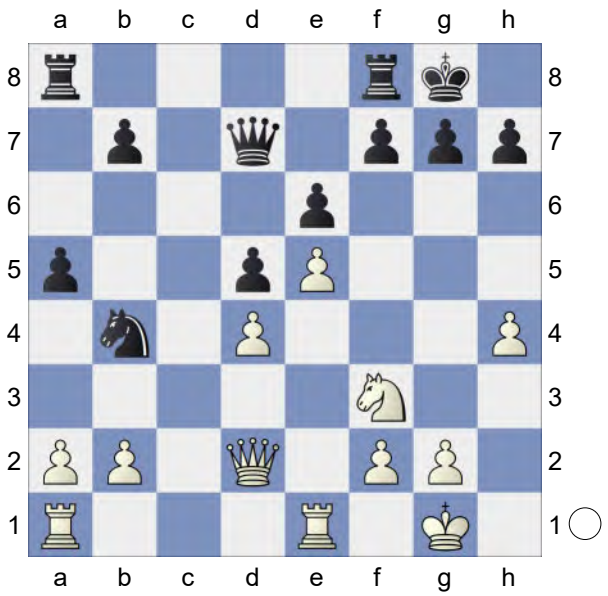


6.Re1 Nc6 7.c3 e6 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 d5 10.e5 Ne4

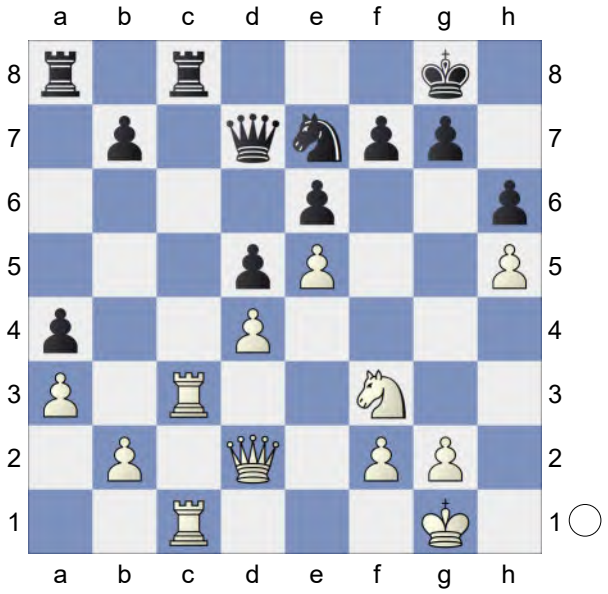


11.Nbd2 Nxd2 12.Bxd2 Bb4 13.Bxb4 Nxb4 14.Qd2 a5 15.h4 0-0

(Diagram)

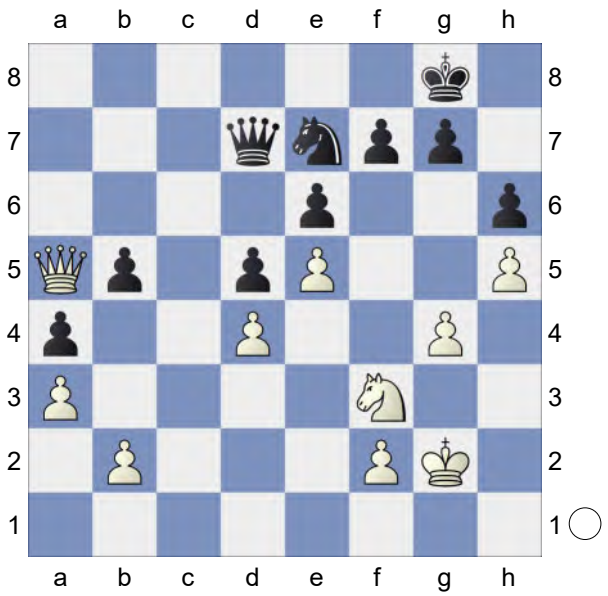


16.h5 h6! 17.Rec1 Rfc8 18.a3 Nc6 19.Rc3 a4 20.Rac1 Ne7

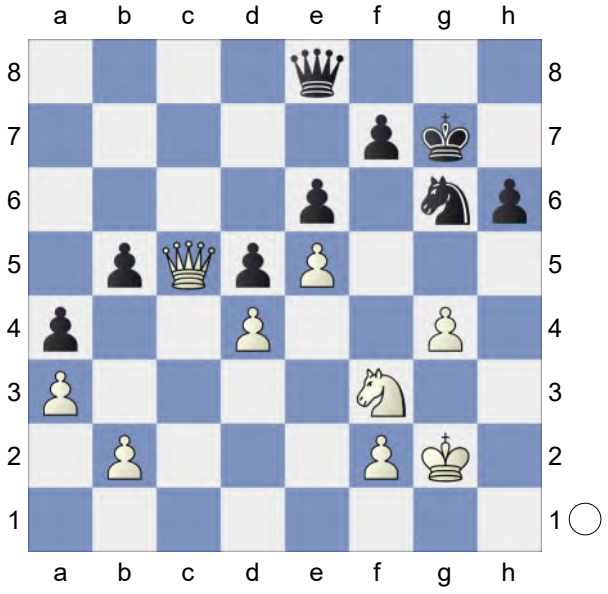


21.g4 Rxc3 22.Rxc3 Rc8 23.Rxc8+ Qxc8= Endgame. KQN-KQN **24.Kg2 Qd7 25.Qa5 b5**

(Diagram)



26.Qa8+ 0.01/21
[26.Nh2± 0.47/21 feels stronger.]
26...Qc8 The position is equal. **27.Qa7 Qe8 28.Qb6 g6 29.hxg6 Nxg6 30.Qc5 Kg7**



A rather calm draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
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18 **C53**
□ **Wei Yi** **2755**
■ **Navara,D.** **2677**
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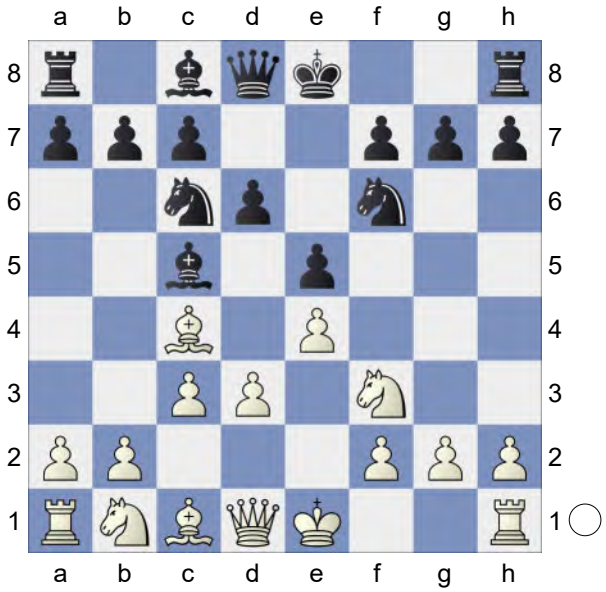
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6**



6.Bg5N
[6.Nbd2 Bb6 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 h6 9.Re1 Re8 10.Bb3 Ne7 11.Nf1 Ng6 12.Ng3 c6 13.d4 Be6 14.Bc2 Bc7 15.a4 a5 16.b3 d5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Bxg6 fxg6 19.dxe5 Rf8 20.Bd2 Qe8 1-0 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-Liang,A (2687) Wch Blitz New York 2024 (7)]
6...h6 7.Bh4 a5 8.Nbd2 Ba7 9.a4 Qe7 The position is equal. **10.0-0 g5**

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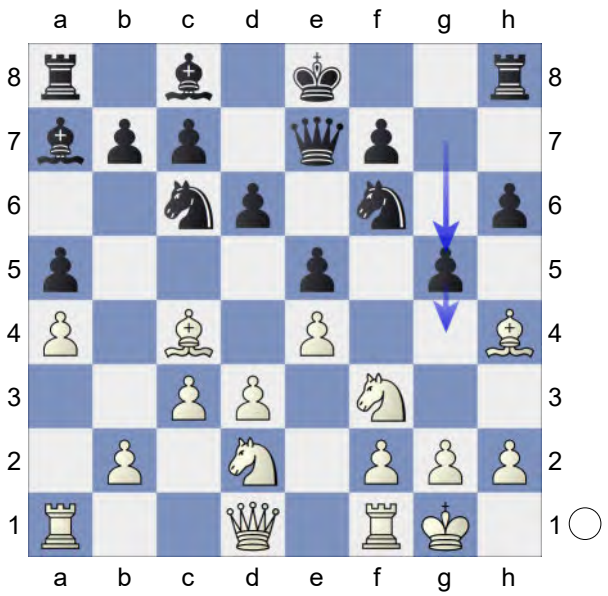
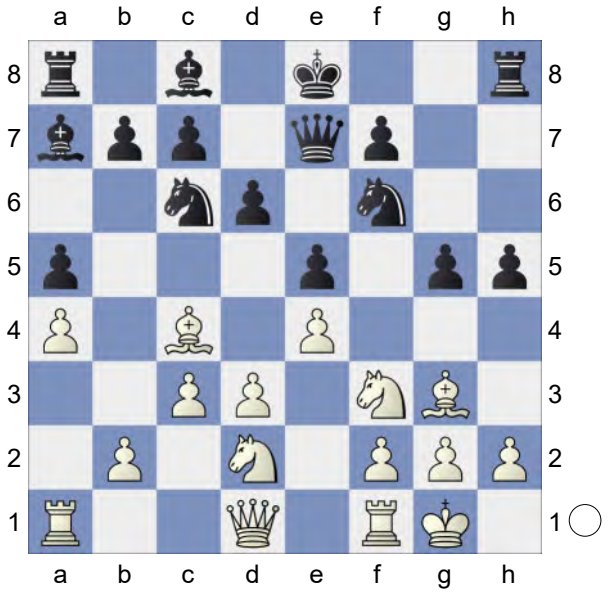
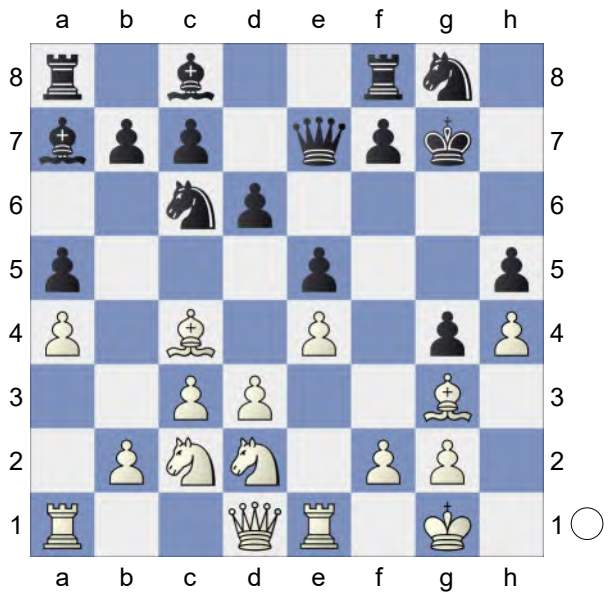


11.Bg3 h5

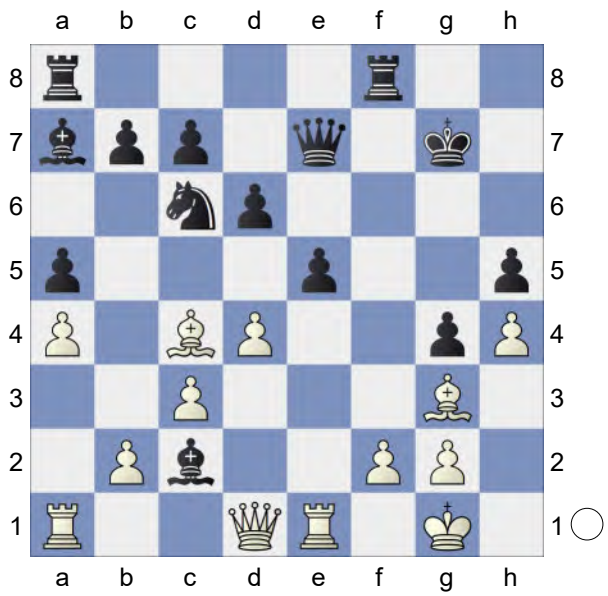


aiming for ...h5-h4. **12.h4!**
[Don't play 12.Nxg5 h4 13.Bxf7+ *(13.Nxf7 Rh7-+)* 13...Kf8 14.Bxh4 Rxh4-+]
12...g4 13.Ne1 0-0 14.Nc2 Kg7 15.Re1 Ng8

(Diagram)



16.Nf1 f5 17.exf5 Nh6 18.Nfe3 Nxf5 19.Nxf5+ Bxf5 20.d4 Bxc2 1.51/20
[Black should try 20...Bg6± 0.68/17]



21.Qxc2± Qf6

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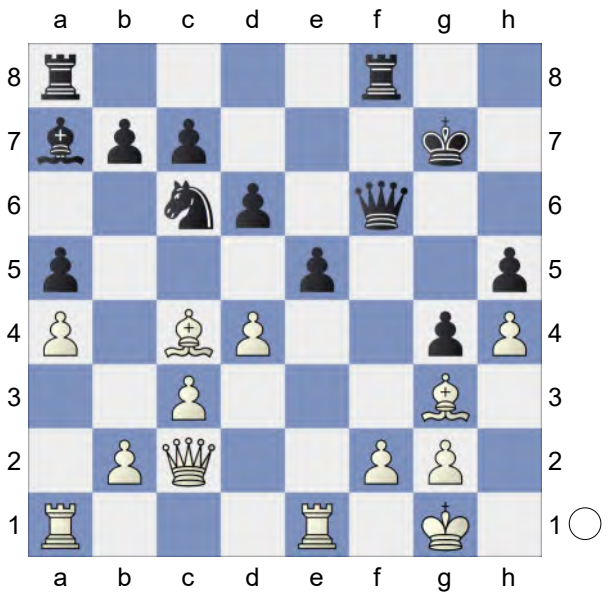


22.Re4! exd4? 5.10/21 A mistake that costs the game.

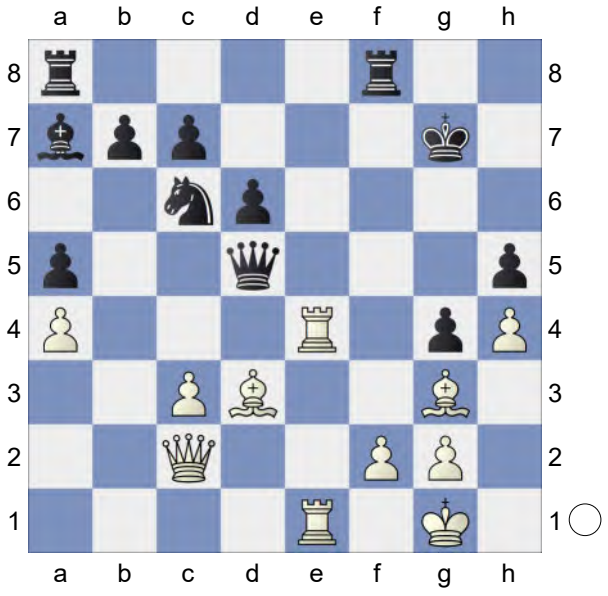
[22...Rae8± 1.56/18 is a better chance.]

23.Rae1+- Re4-e6 is the strong threat.

23...dxc3 24.bxc3 Qf5 25.Bd3 A strong pair of Bishops.

[Less strong is 25.Be6 Qg6±]

25...Qd5



26.Re6 Rf6 27.Rxf6 Kxf6 28.Qd2 Kg7 Repels Qd2-h6+ **29.c4 Qc5 30.Re6 Rh8**

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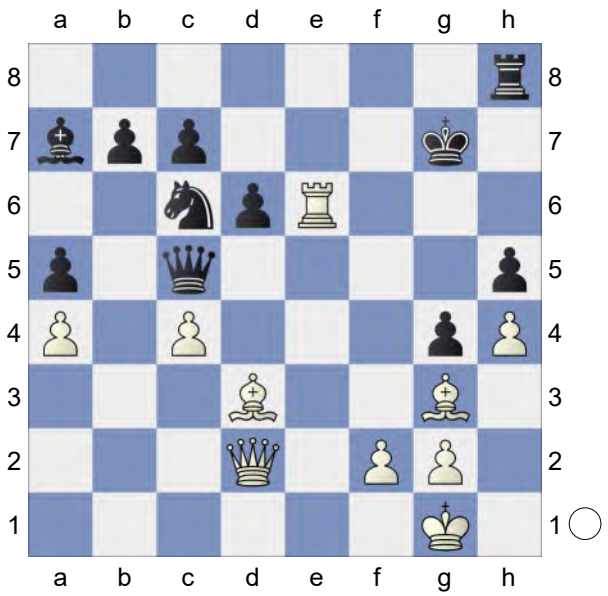
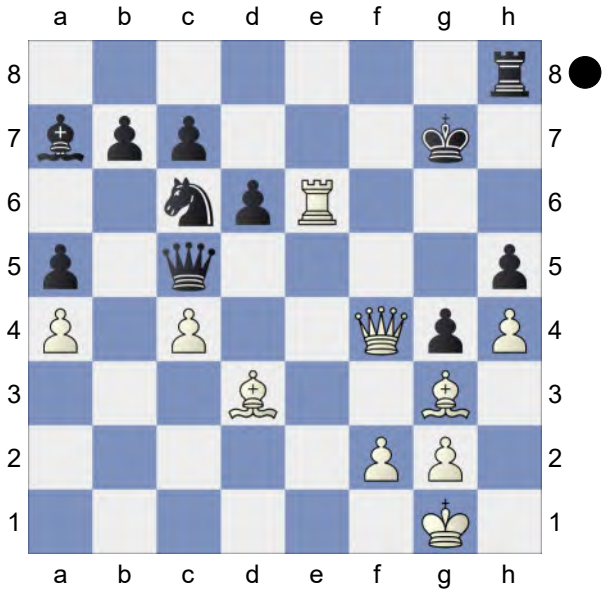


Dodges Qd2-h6+ **31.Qf4**



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19 **B51**
□ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR.** **2729**
■ **Shankland,S.** **2670**
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[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**

[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Hazai,L (2440)-Perenyi,B (2270) Hungarian Championship Budapest 1977]

3...Nd7N

[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]

4.a4 Ngf6 5.Nc3 a6

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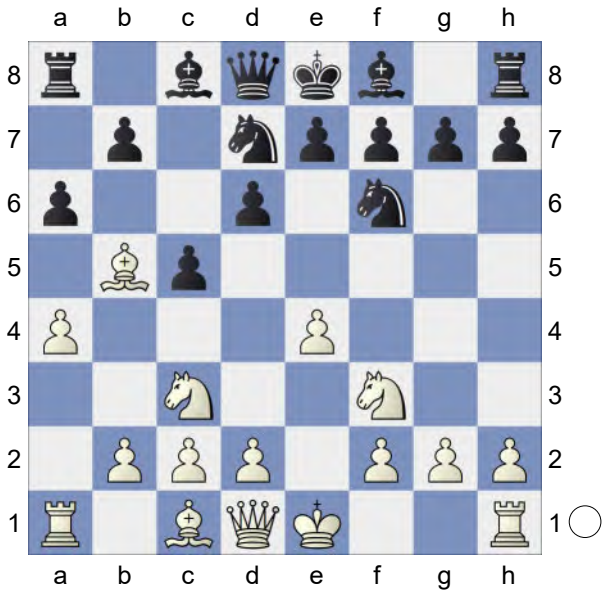
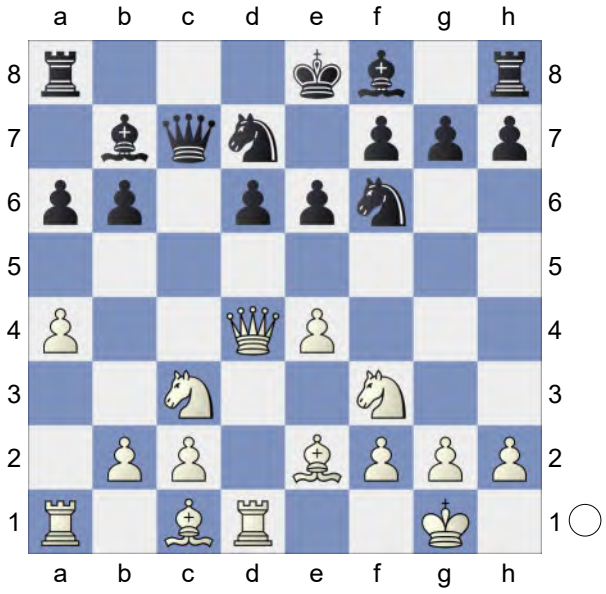


6.Be2 b6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 White has an edge. **8...Bb7 9.0-0 e6 10.Rd1 Qc7**



11.Be3 Ng4 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Rc8 14.h3 Nge5 15.Rd2 d5 0.65/21

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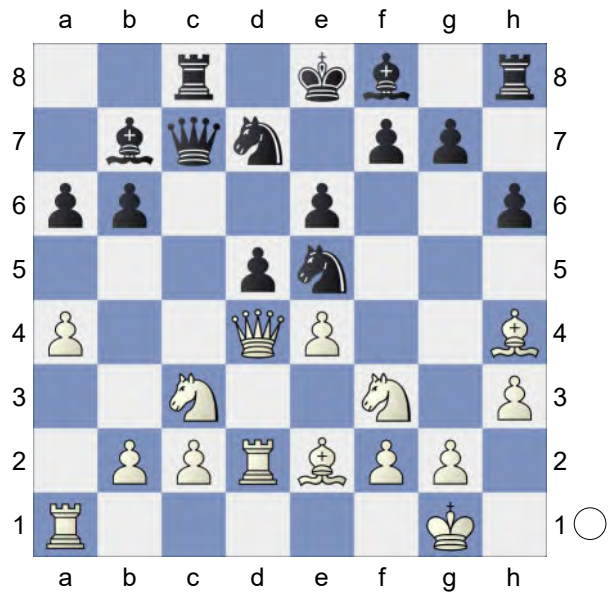
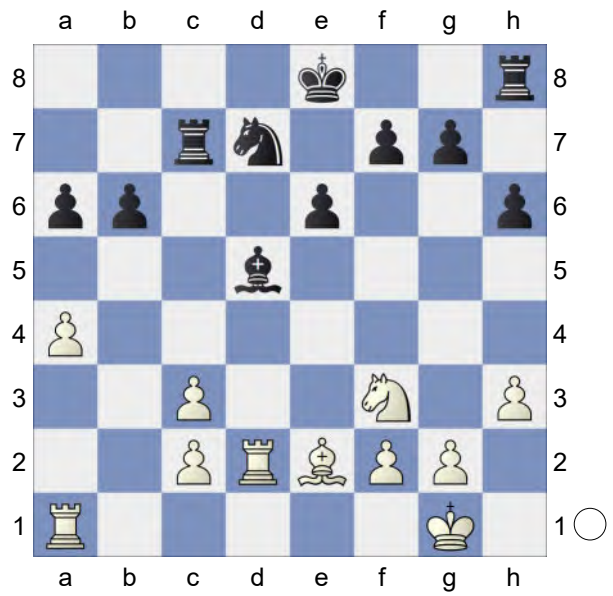
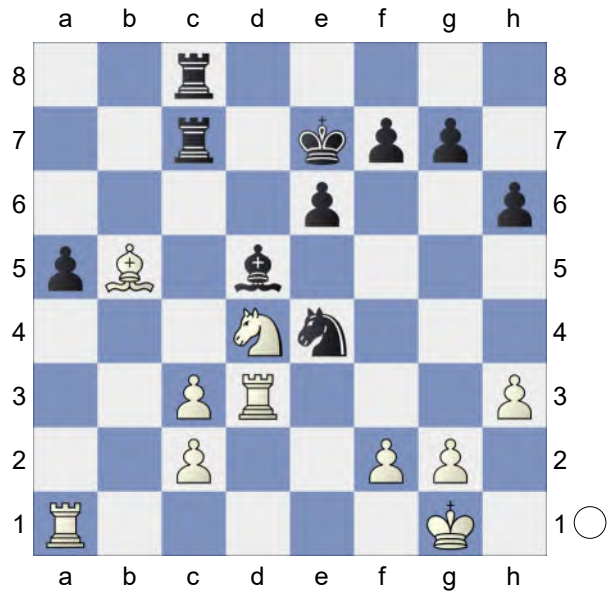


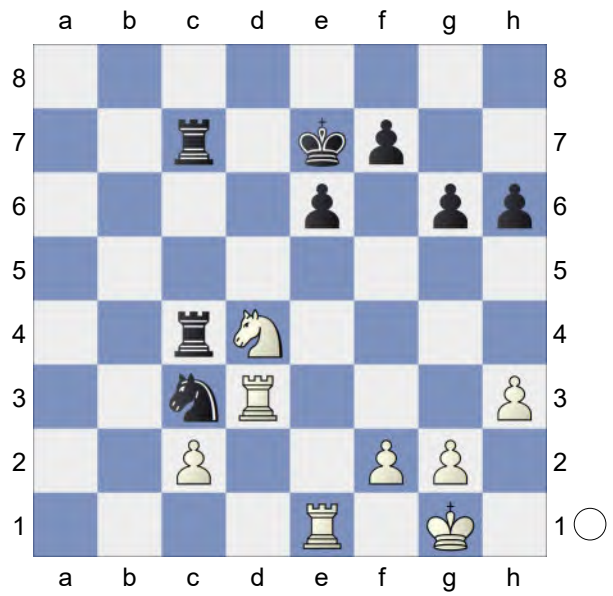
16.Bg3 -0.24/22
[16.exd5± 0.65/21 Bc5 17.Qf4]
16...Bc5= 17.Bxe5 Bxd4 18.Bxc7 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Rxc7 20.exd5 Bxd5



21.Nd4 Ke7 22.Bxa6 Nc5 23.Bb5
[23.c4!? Bxg2 *(23...Nxa6 24.cxd5 Rd8 25.dxe6±)* 24.a5 bxa5 25.Kxg2 Nxa6 26.Rxa5∓]
23...Ne4 24.Rd3 Rhc8 25.a5 -0.66/23
[25.Nf5+= -0.19/20 Kf8 *(25...exf5 26.Rxd5 Nxc3 27.Rxf5±)* 26.Ne3]
25...bxa5∓
[25...Nxc3 26.axb6 Rc5 27.Ra7+ Kf6 28.Ba6+-]



26.c4 Bxc4 27.Bxc4 Rxc4 28.Rxa5 R8c7 29.Re5 Nc3 30.Re1 g6



Inhibits Nd4-f5+. **31.h4 Kf6 32.Rf3+ Kg7 33.Rxc3**

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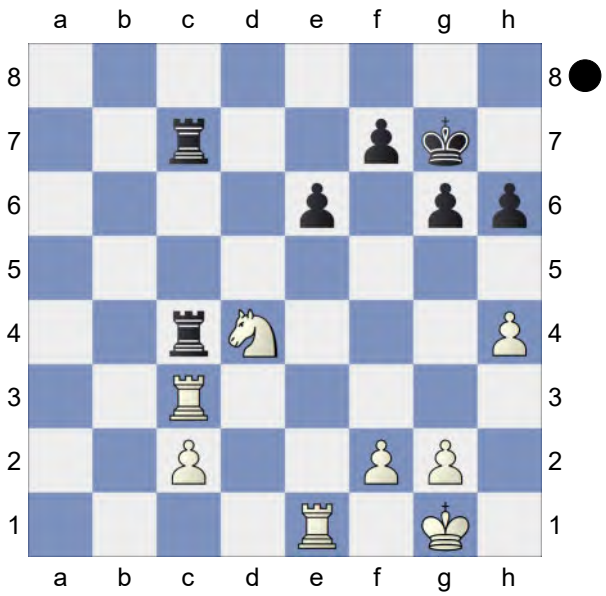
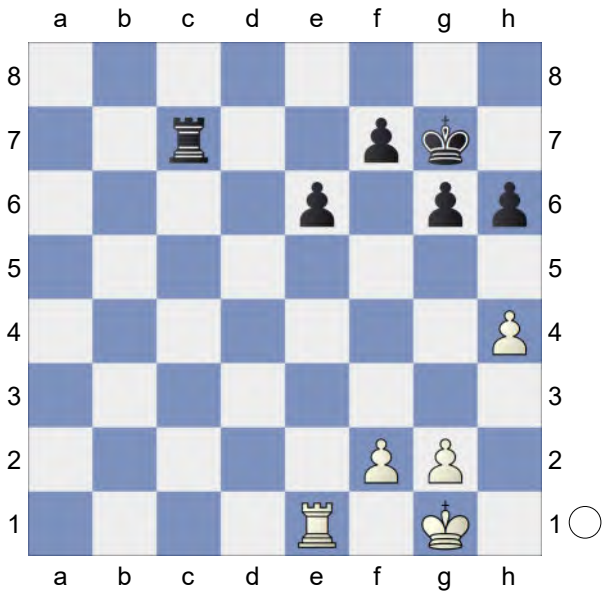


Decoy **33...Rxc3 34.Nb5 Rxc2 35.Nxc7 Rxc7∓**



Endgame. KR-KR **36.g3 Kf6 37.Kg2 Kf5 38.Ra1 e5 39.Ra6 h5 40.Rb6 Rc2**

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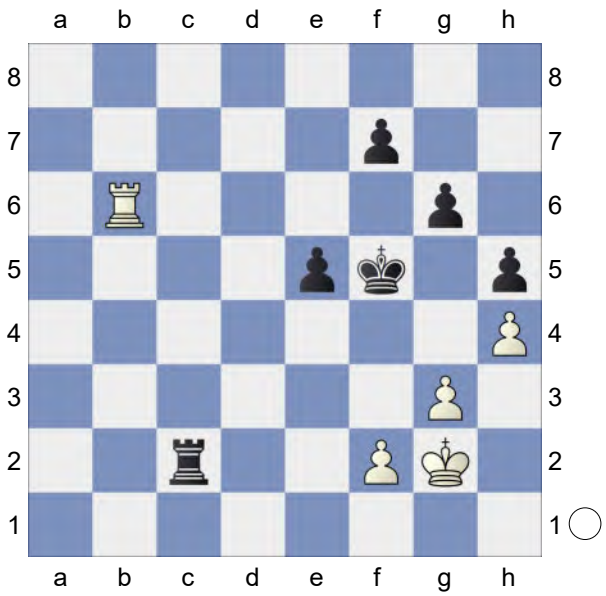
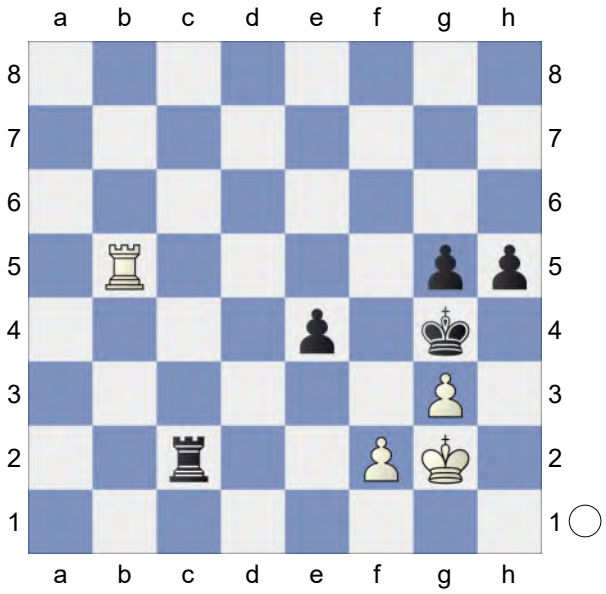


41.Rb7 f6 42.Rb6 g5 43.hxg5 fxg5 -0.01/24

[Better is 43...Kxg5∓ -0.58/28 44.Rb8 Ra2]

44.Rb8= The position is equal. **44...e4 45.Rb5+ Kg4**



And now ...e4-e3 would win. **46.Rb4 Re2 47.Ra4**

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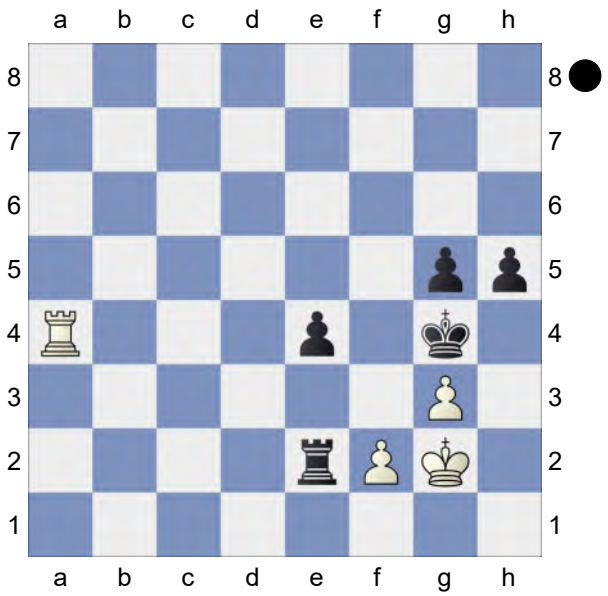

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20 **C17**
□ **Keymer,Vincent** **2731**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2741**
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[Kitty Kat]

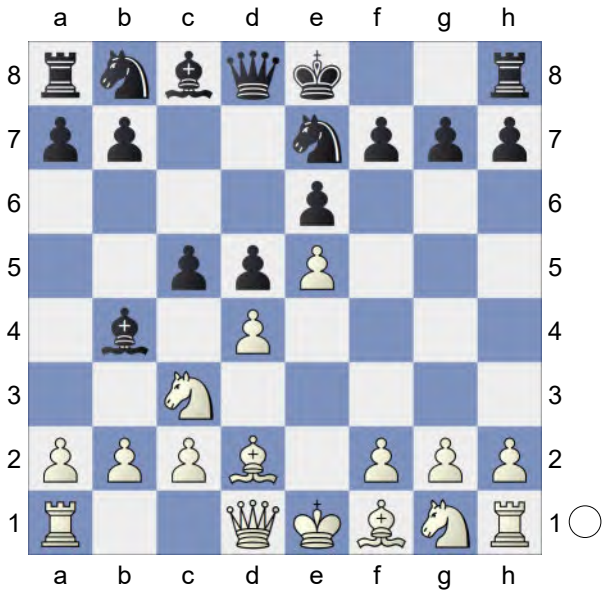
C17: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 sidelines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5N**

[4...Qd7 5.Qg4 *(5.Bd2 b6 6.Bb5 c6 7.Ba4 Ba6 8.Nce2 Bf8 9.c3 Bb5 10.Bc2 c5 11.a4 Bc4 12.Nf3 Nc6 13.0-0 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nge7 15.b3 Ba6 16.b4 Bc4 17.b5 Na5 18.Re1 Ng6 19.h4 Be7* 1-0 Antonov,V (2550)-Blanco Gramajo,C (2460) Wch14 3/4F-3 corr ICCF 1987*; 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 b6 7.Nh3 Nc6 8.Bb5 Bb7 9.Qg4 f5 10.Qh5+ Qf7 11.Qe2 h6 12.Nf4 Nge7 13.a4 a6 14.Bd3 Na5 15.Ba3 Ng6 16.Nxg6 Qxg6 17.f4 h5 18.Bb4 Nc4 19.Bxc4 dxc4* 0-1 Dueball,J-Huebner,R West 11/128 Berlin 1970*)* 5...f5 6.Qg3 b6 7.Bd2 Bf8 8.Nf3 Nh6 9.Ne2 Ba6 10.Nf4 Bxf1 11.Rxf1 Nc6 12.Nh5 Nf7 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.h4 Kb7 15.Kb1 Rc8 16.Rfe1 Nfd8 17.Bg5 Qe8 18.Nxg7 Qf7 19.Bf6 1-0 4.♘c3 a6 5.♗g5_39169-Sukhareva,O 91/383 Budapest 2004]

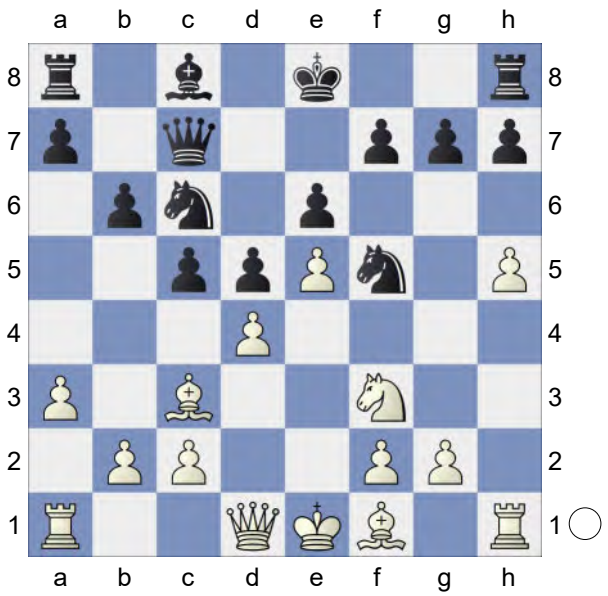
[4...b6 5.a3 Bf8 6.Bb5+ c6 7.Ba4 a5 8.Nce2 Ba6 9.c3 Bb5 10.Bc2 a4 11.h4 c5 12.Nf3 Qd7 13.h5 Nh6 14.0-0 Nc6 15.Re1 Bxe2 16.Rxe2 c4 17.Bxa4 g6 18.Nh2 gxh5 19.Re3 De Vilder,H-C2 F4 Beer-Sheva 54/511 1992]

[4...Ne7 5.Bd2 b6 6.Qg4 Nf5 7.Nf3 Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.0-0-0 Qd7 10.Ne2 0-0-0 11.Qf4 f6 12.h4 h5 13.Kb1 Be7 14.Ng3 Nxg3 15.Qxg3 Rdg8 16.Rhe1 c6 17.Qg6 Nc7 18.Qd3 Kb7 19.Re2 ½-½ F: 5 Nf3 Ng6 6 h4 (2525)-Roca Cruz,R (2475) Warszawa 35/(129) 1983 (7.1)]

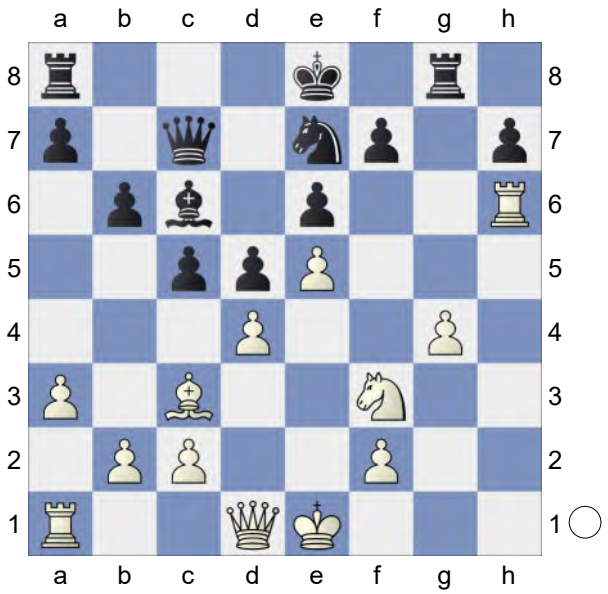
5.Bd2 Ne7



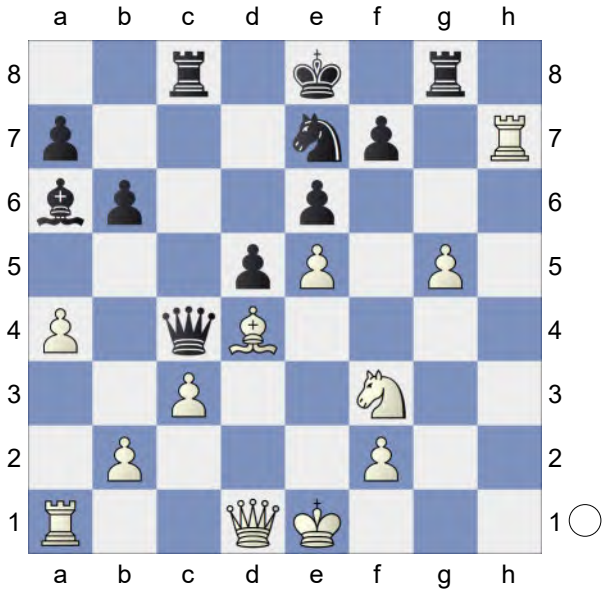
6.a3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 b6 8.h4 Nbc6 9.h5 Qc7 10.Nf3 White is slightly better. **10...Nf5**



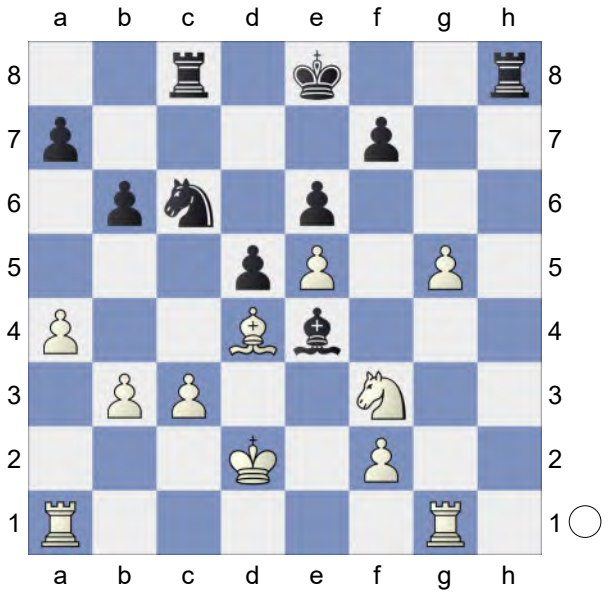
11.Bb5! Bd7 12.Bxc6! Bxc6 13.g4 Ne7 14.h6 Black is weak on the dark squares **14...gxh6 15.Rxh6 Rg8**



16.g5
[16.Rxh7?! Rxg4 17.Qd3 Nf5=]
16...cxd4 17.Bxd4
[17.Qxd4? Nf5 18.Qf4 Nxh6 19.gxh6 d4 20.Bxd4 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Rc8-+]
17...Bb5 Prevents Qd1-d3. **18.a4 Ba6 19.Rxh7**
[19.Ra3 keeps more tension. Qc4 20.Rxh7 Rc8 21.Kd2]
19...Rc8 20.c3 0.01/22
[20.a5± 0.63/21 bxa5 21.Kd2]
20...Qc4=

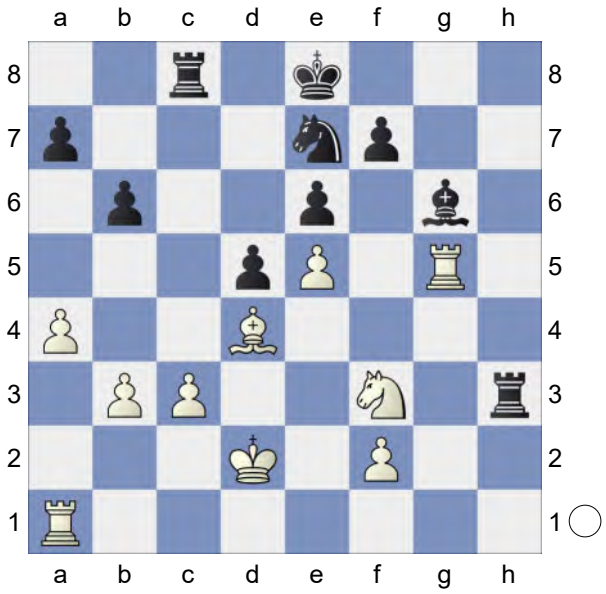


21.Rh1 Inhibits Qc4-f1+.
[21.Nd2 feels hotter. Qd3 22.Qh5 Qf5 23.Be3]
21...Nc6 22.Rg1 -0.36/21
[22.b3= 0.01/20 is more appropriate. Qd3 23.Qxd3 Bxd3 24.Rh5]
22...Rh8!∓ 23.b3 Qd3 24.Qxd3 Bxd3 25.Kd2 Be4



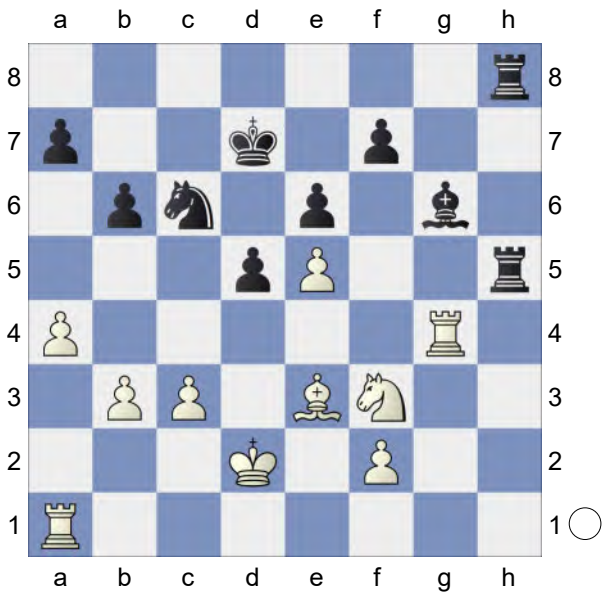
26.Rg3 Ne7 Threatening ...Ne7-f5.
27.g6 Bxg6 28.Rgg1 Rh3 29.Rg3

Rh5 0.23/22
[Better is 29...Rxg3∓ -0.52/22 30.fxg3 Nc6]
30.Rg5 -0.71/23
[30.Be3= 0.23/22]
30...Rh3 -0.01/19
[30...Rxg5∓ -0.71/23 31.Nxg5 Nc6]

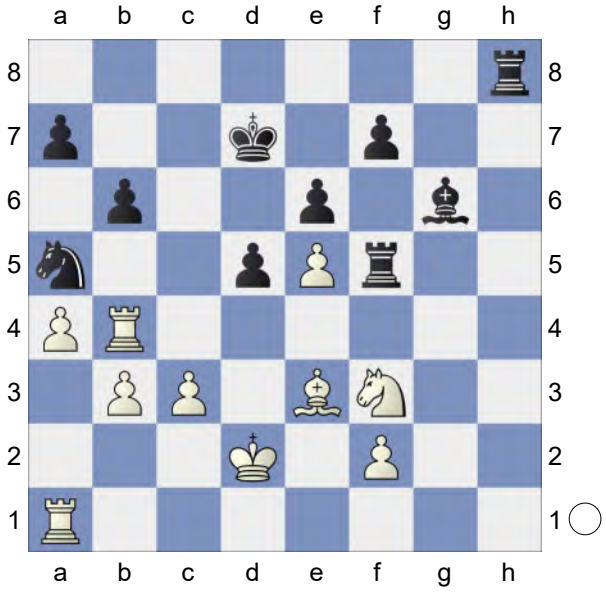


31.Rg3= Rh7
[31...Rxg3!? 32.fxg3 Nc6±]
32.Rgg1 Nc6 33.Be3 Kd7 34.Rg3 Rh5 35.Rg4 Rch8
[35...Nxe5?! 36.Nxe5+ Rxe5 37.a5=]

(Diagram)

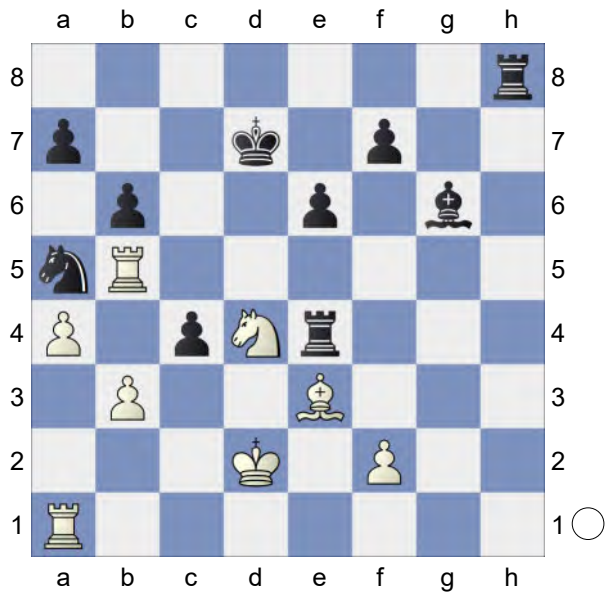


36.Rf4 Na5
[36...Nxe5 37.Nxe5+ Rxe5 38.Bd4±]
37.Rb4 -1.63/24
[37.Ra3∓ -0.85/21 might work better.]
37...Rf5-+

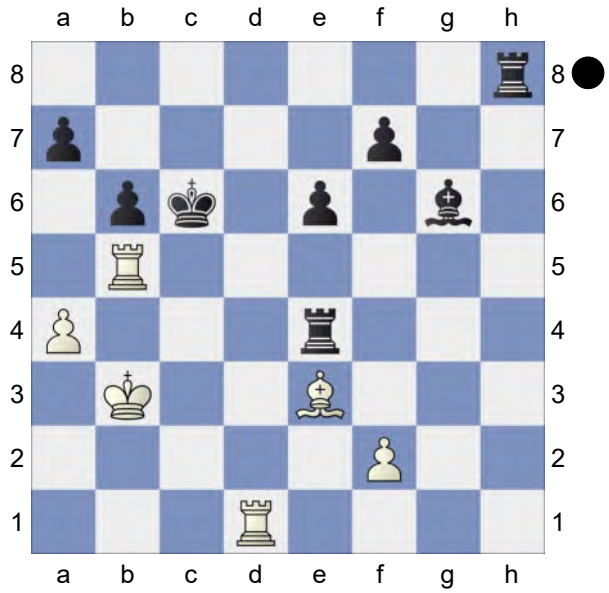


Deflection **38.Nd4 Rxe5 39.c4?** -3.09/22 Loses the game.
[39.Rg1∓ -1.47/18]
39...Re4 40.Rb5 dxc4

(Diagram)



And now ...e6-e5 would win. Black is winning. **41.Rd1 cxb3 42.Nxb3 Nxb3+** [Not 42...Rxa4 43.Nxa5 Rxa5 *(43...bxa5 44.Kc3+ Kc7 45.Rc5+ Kb8 46.Rb5+ Kc8 47.Rc5+ Kb8 48.Rb5+ Kc7 49.Bxa7=)* 44.Rxa5 bxa5 45.Ra1-+] **43.Kc3+ Kc6 44.Kxb3**



Rxa4!!

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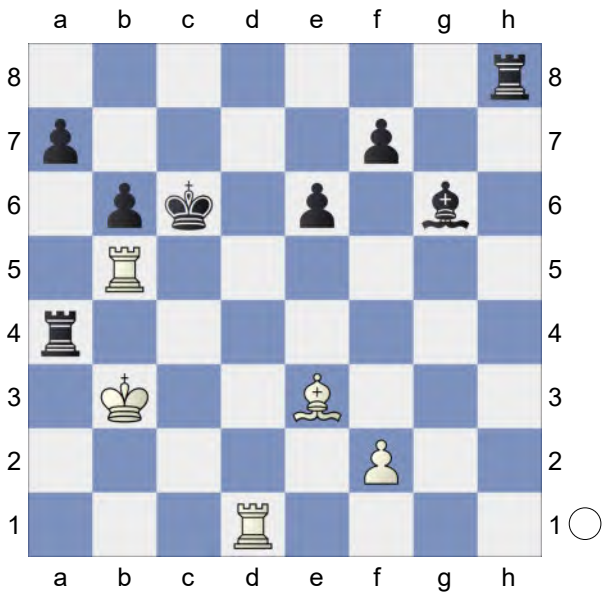

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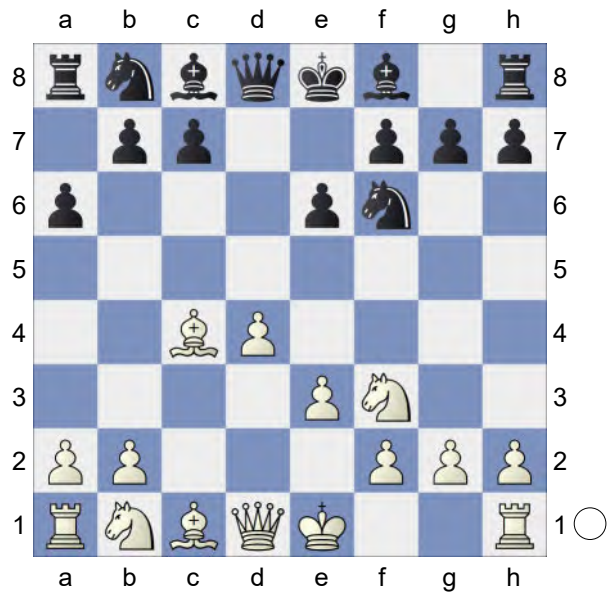
21 **D27**
□ **Navara,D.** **2677**
■ **Gurel,Ediz** **2624**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (5) 02.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D27: Queen's Gambit Accepted: Classical main line: 7 e4!? and 7 a4 Dautov,R: 'Inf 74/413' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 a6**

(Diagram)



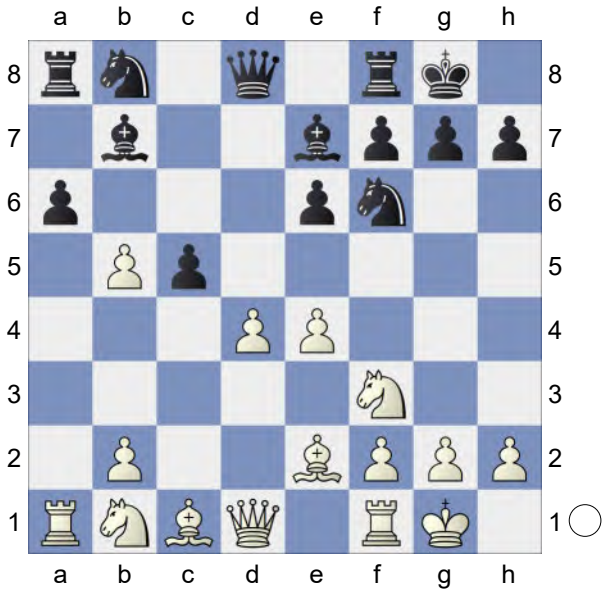
6.0-0 c5 7.e4N

[7.Bb3 Be7 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Qe2 cxd4 10.Rd1 0-0 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.exd4 Nd5 13.Qf3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bd6 *(14...Qc7 15.c4 Bf6 16.Bf4 e5 17.Bg3 Qa5 18.dxe5 Bxe5 19.Rd5 Qxd5 20.cxd5 Bxa1 21.h4 Bd7 22.h5 Rae8 23.h6 gxh6 24.d6 Be5 25.Bxe5 Rxe5 26.Qxb7 Be6 27.d7 Bxb3 28.Qxb3 Re1+ 29.Kh2* 1-0 Bobras,P-Warakomski,T POL-ch 62nd Poznan 2005 (4)*; 14...Rb8 15.c4 b6 16.c5 bxc5 17.dxc5 Qc7 18.Bb2 Rb5 19.c6* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO D4 Survey 2003 *)* 15.c4 Qf6 16.Qxf6 gxf6 17.c5 Be7 18.Be3 Rd8 19.d5 Bd7 20.d6 Bf8 21.f4 f5 1-0 Dautov,R (2625)-Meins,G (2455) Deutschland (ch) 74/413 1998]

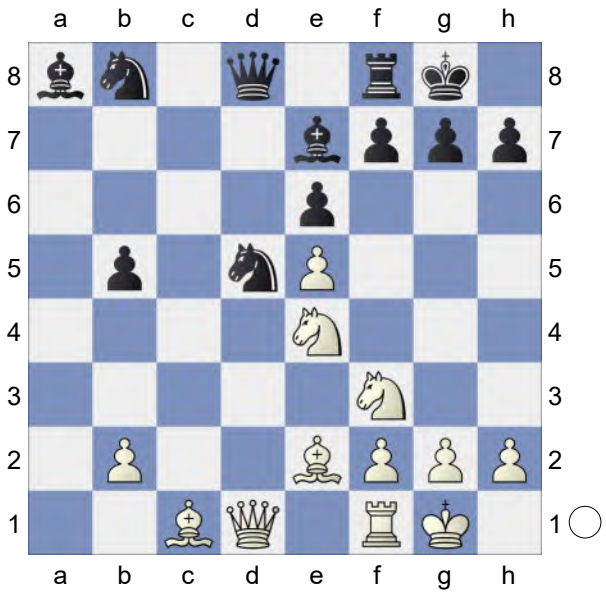
[7.Be2 cxd4 8.exd4 Nc6 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bf4 Nf6 12.Rc1 0-0 13.Na4 Nd5 14.Bg3 Bd6 15.Bd3 Nce7 16.Qb3 b6 17.Be4 Rb8 18.Rfe1 Bb7 19.Nc3 Nxc3 20.Bxb7 Nxa2 21.Qxa2 Rxb7 0-1 C 06/32 (2809)-Deslandes,P (2807) GER-ITA email ICCF email 2012 (2)]

7...b5 8.Be2 Be7 9.a4 Bb7

The position is equal. **10.axb5 0-0**



11.e5 Nd5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nc3 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Ne4 Be7



16.Bxb5 Nc6 17.Bxc6 Bxc6 18.Nd4 Excellent horsemanship. **18...Ba8 19.Qg4** Strongly threatening Bc1-h6. **19...Kh8** 0.38/18

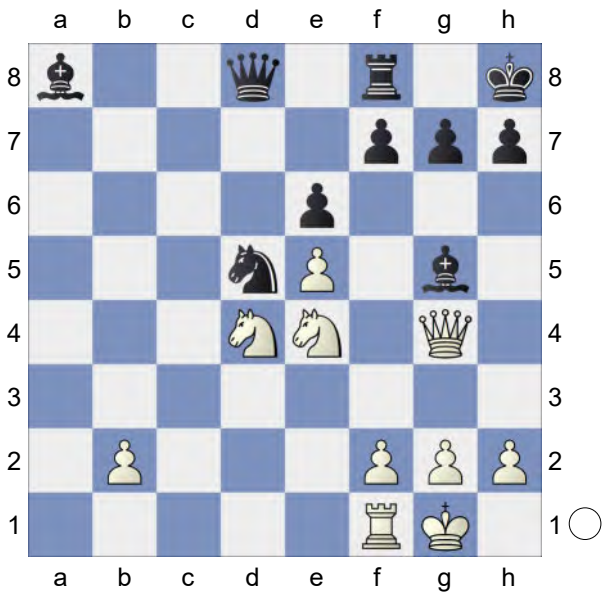
[19...Qb8= 0.01/20 was preferrable.]

20.Bg5 -0.05/21

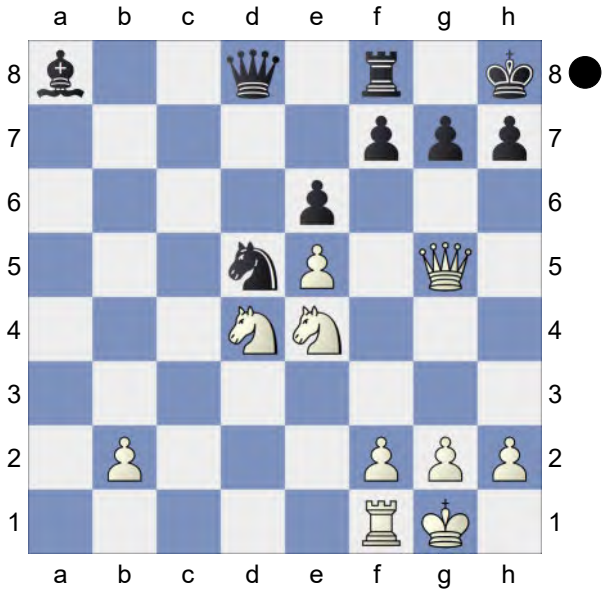
[20.Nb5± 0.38/18]

20...Bxg5

(Diagram)



21.Qxg5



Nf4! Discovered Attack **22.Qxd8** Remove Defender

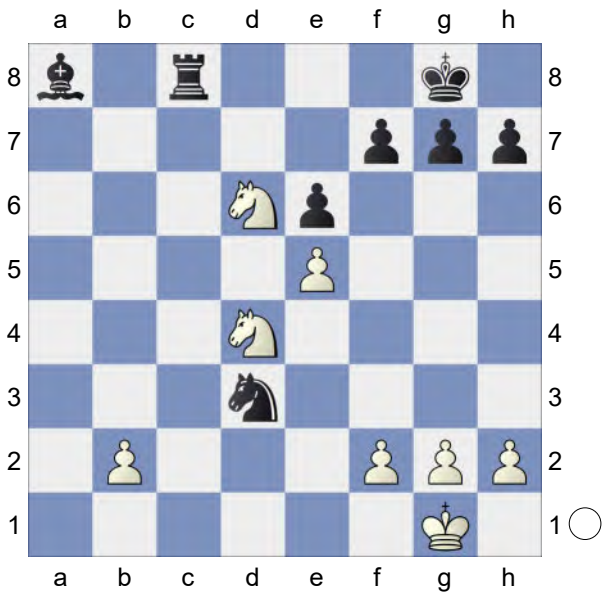
[22.Qxf4 Qxd4]

22...Rxd8 23.Nd6 Kg8 24.Rc1 Nd3 25.Rc8

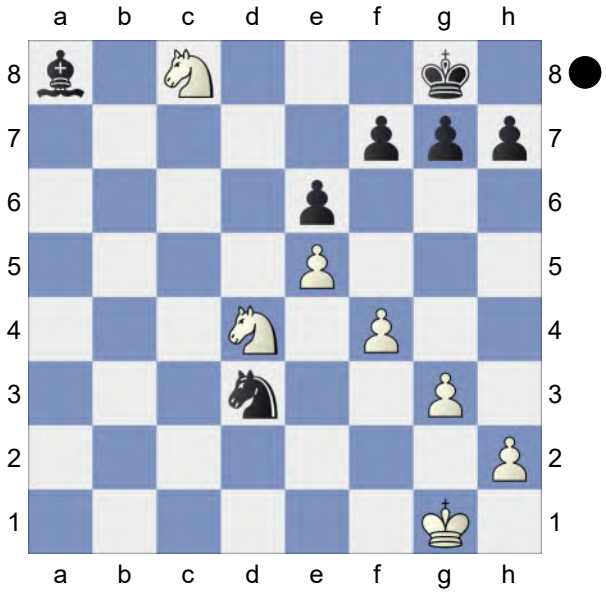
[25.Rc7!?]

25...Rxc8

(Diagram)



26.Nxc8 Nxb2 27.f4 Nd3 28.g3



g5! Deflection **29.fxg5 Nxe5 30.h4 Kg7**

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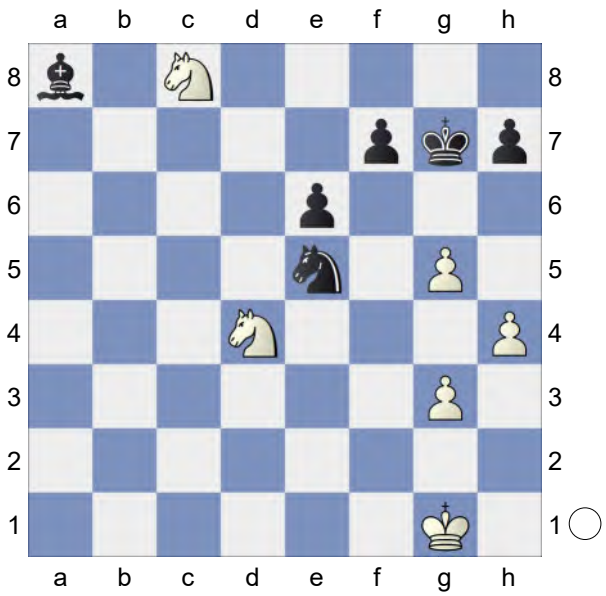

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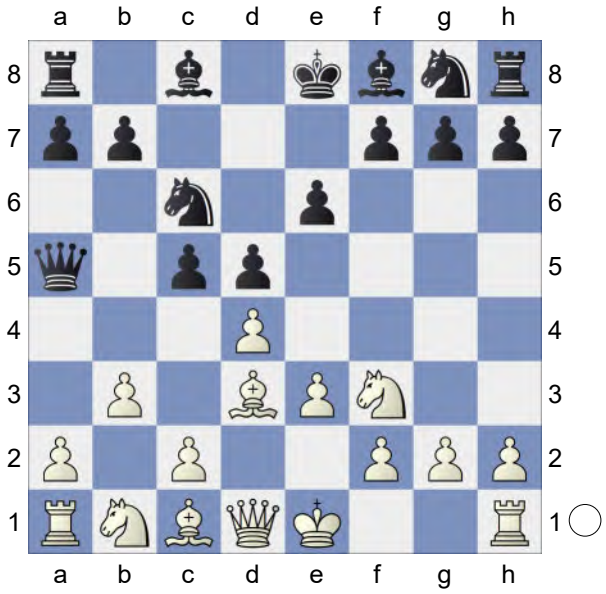
22 **A06**
□ **Giri,A.** **2728**
■ **Nguyen,Thai Dai Van** **2668**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (5) 02.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.Nf3 d5 2.b3 c5 3.e3 e6**
[3...a6 4.Bb2 Nc6 5.d4 Nf6 6.Be2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Qc7 8.0-0 e5 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.c4 Bd6 11.Qc1 Qd7 12.Ba3 0-0 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Qa3 Qe6 16.Nc3 Rd8 17.Rfd1 h5 18.Qa5 0-1 Artemiev,V (2701)-Salem,A (2677) Speed Chess Q2 Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (6)]
4.d4N
[4.Bb2 Nf6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Qe2 a6 7.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 8.c4 Bd6 9.Nc3 Qc7 10.d4 0-0 11.cxd5 cxd4 12.Nxd4 exd5 13.Rc1 Qa5 14.0-0 Rac8 15.Ba1 Rc7 16.Nb1 Rfc8 17.Rxc7 Rxc7 18.Nf5 Be5 ½-½ Ferreira,F (1398)-Aparecido Silva,H (1824) Hebraica op 30th 2023 (4) 19.Bd4 Bxd4 20.exd4 Qb6 21.Qe7 Rc6 22.Re1 g6 23.Nh6+ Kg7 24.Nxf7 Kg8 25.Ng5 Rc2 26.Ne6 1-0 Alizada,E (2005)-Doeve,M 39/70 Zenica 1985 (4)]
[4.Be2 Nf6 5.c4 b6 6.Bb2 Bb7 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Nc3 Bd6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.d4 0-0 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Qe2 Nf8 14.Ba6 Bxa6 15.Qxa6 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Qd7 17.Qb5 Qb7 18.Nf5 Bb8 1-0 Romanovsky,P-Kubbel,A Leningrad-ch08 1930/31]
4...Nc6 5.Bd3 Qa5+



6.c3 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bb2 0-0 9.Nbd2 Qc7 10.Qe2 cxd4

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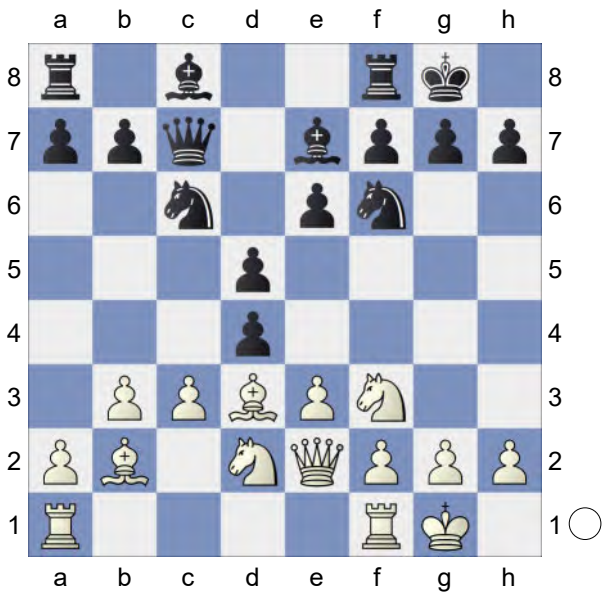
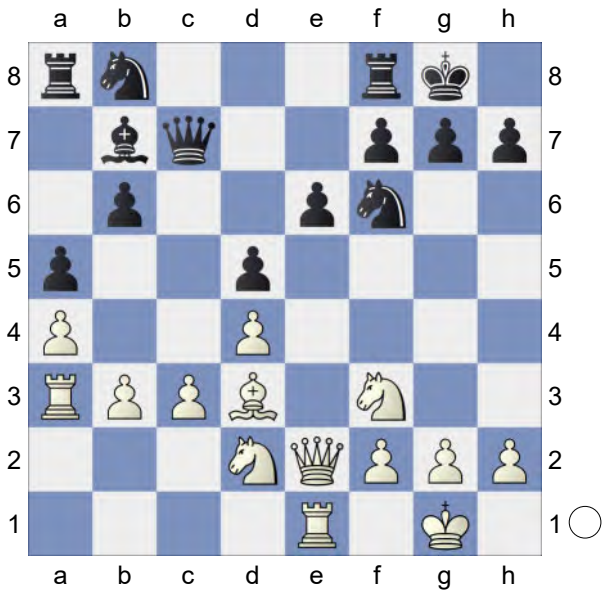


11.exd4 a5 12.a4 b6 The position is equal. **13.Rfe1 Bb7 14.Ba3 Bxa3 15.Rxa3 Nb8**



16.Rc1 Ba6 17.Bxa6 Nxa6 18.Ne5 Qb7 19.Ra2 Rac8 20.Rac2 Nb8

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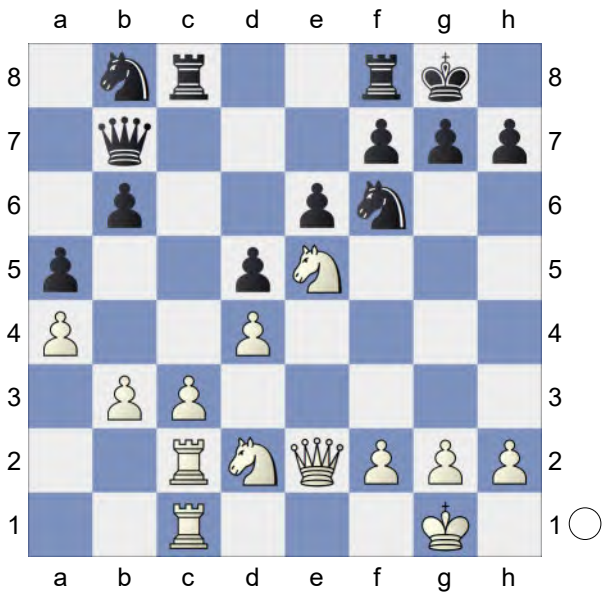
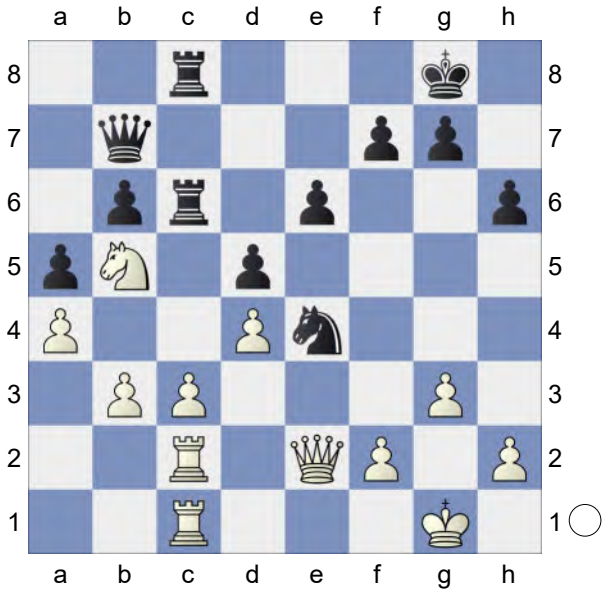


21.Nb1 Nc6 22.Nxc6 Rxc6 23.Na3 Rfc8 24.Nb5 h6 25.g3 Ne4



26.c4 Qd7 27.Qd3 g6 28.h4 h5 29.Qe2 Kh7 30.Qd3 Kg8

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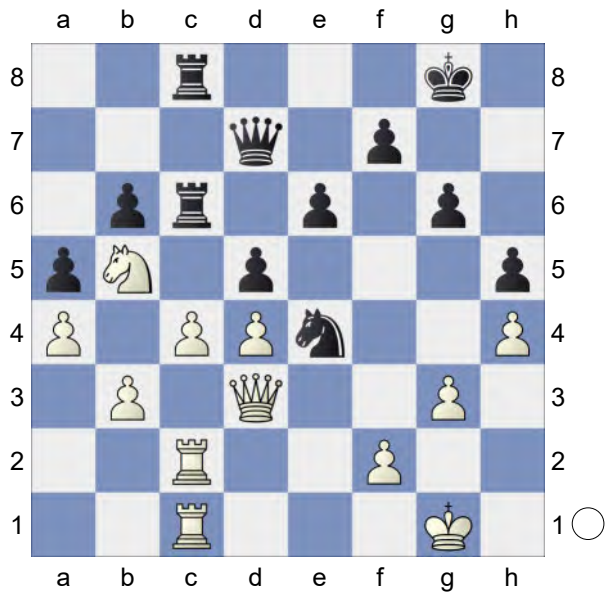
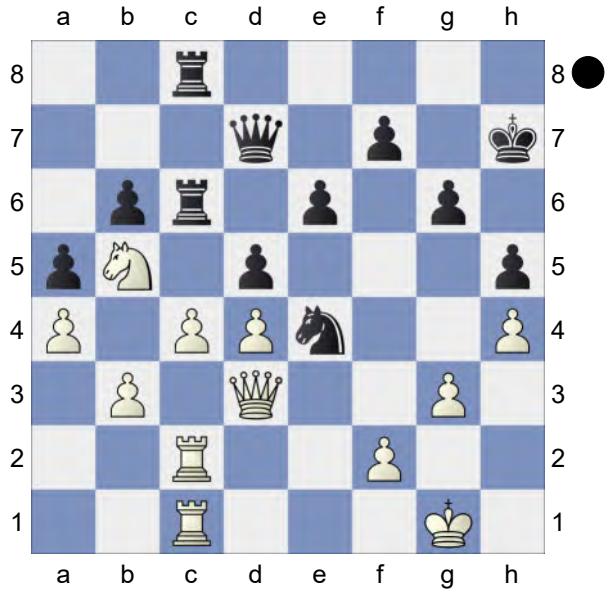


31.Qe2 Kh7 32.Qd3



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23 **C77**

□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2739**

■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2731**

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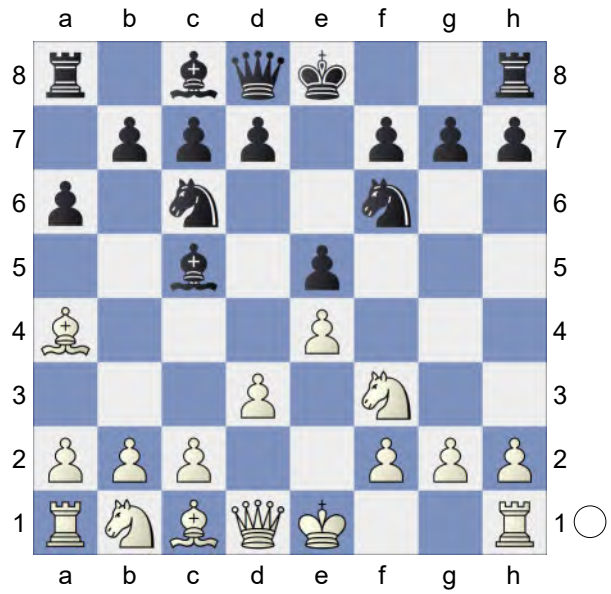
[Kitty Kat]

C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines VERY NICE TYPICAL PLAY BY WHITE IN THE Bxc6 position

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 Bc5



6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Nbd2

[7.Nxe5? Qd4 8.Qe2 Qxe5-+]

[7.h3 Nd7 8.Be3 Bd6 9.Nc3 c5 10.Nd2 Nb8 11.a4 Nc6 12.a5 Be6 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nc4 Be7 15.b3 b5 16.axb6 cxb6 17.Bd2 b5 18.Ne3 Nb4 19.Ne2 Bg5 20.f4 exf4 21.Nxf4 a5 0-1 Molina,R (2855)-Deslandes,P (2804) 183445 Buenos Aires 1959 (4)]

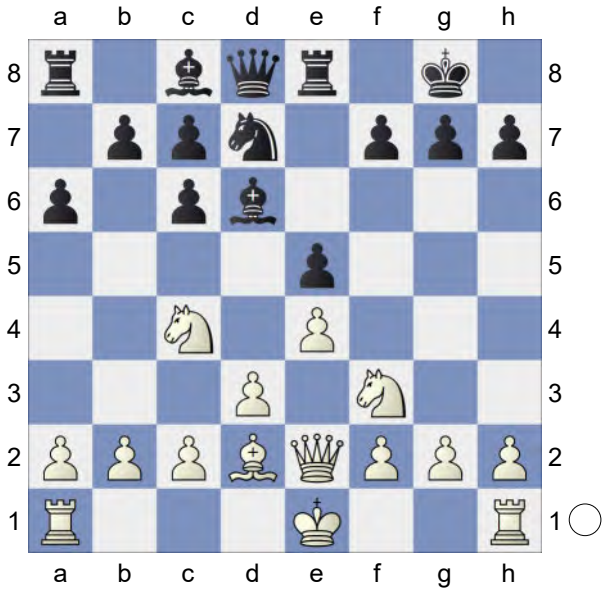
7...Nd7 8.Nc4 0-0 9.Qe2N

[9.Ncxe5? Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Qd4-+]

[9.0-0 Re8 10.Kh1 Bf8 *(10...b5 11.Ne3 Nf8 12.Rg1 Ng6 13.g3 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Qe2 Bd4 16.h4 c5 17.h5 Nf8 18.g4 Ne6 19.Nf5 Ra6*

20.g5 Rc6 21.Rb1 Nf4 22.Bxf4 exf4 23.Qd2 h6 24.c3 1-0 Galje,H (2351)-Webster,R (2374) corr WS/MN/A/49 ICCF 2024 *)* 11.Ng1 Nc5 12.f4 exf4 13.Bxf4 Be6 14.Ne3 f6 15.Nf3 Bd6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Qe1 b6 18.Qh4 Nd7 19.d4 Nf8 20.e5 fxe5 21.dxe5 Qc5 22.Rae1 Ng6 23.Qh5 Nf4 ½-½ Alexakis,D (2475)-Mitsis,G (2355) 2021 (1.2)]

9...Re8 10.Bd2 Bd6

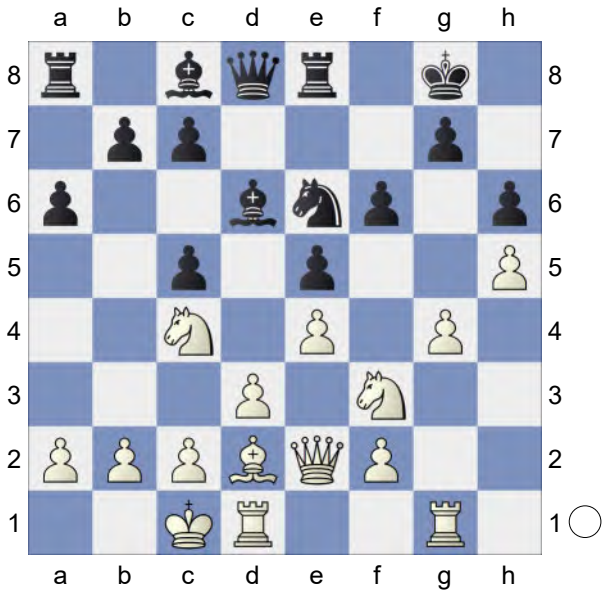


11.h4 Nf8 12.h5 c5 13.0-0-0 Ne6 14.g4

[14.Nfxe5 Bxe5 *(14...Nd4? 15.Qe3-+)* 15.Nxe5 Nd4-+]

14...f6 15.Rhg1 h6

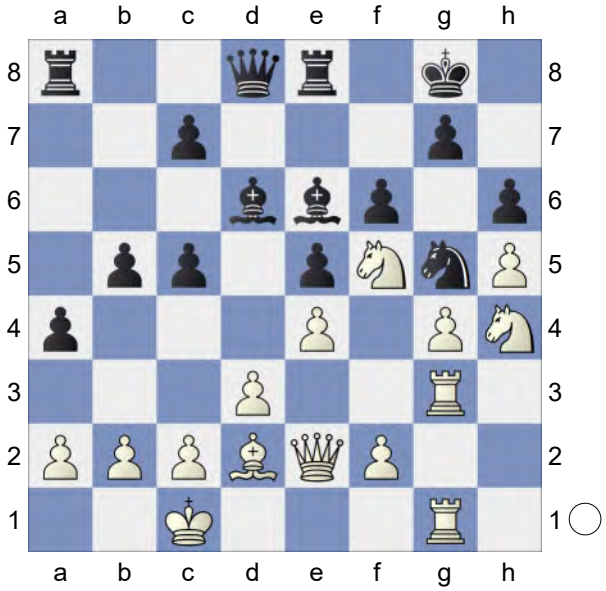
(Diagram)



16.Ne3 a5 17.Nf5 a4 18.Rg3 b5 19.Rdg1

[19.Bxh6!? gxh6 20.Nxh6+ Kg7 21.Qe3∓]

19...Ng5 20.N3h4 Be6

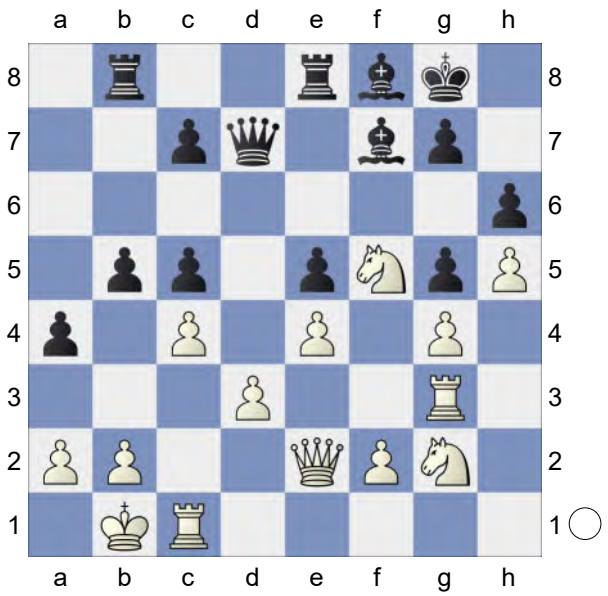


21.Kb1 Qd7 22.c4 Rab8 23.Rc1 Bf7 24.Bxg5 fxg5

[24...hxg5 seems wilder. 25.Ng6 Rb6 26.Rc2 Reb8]

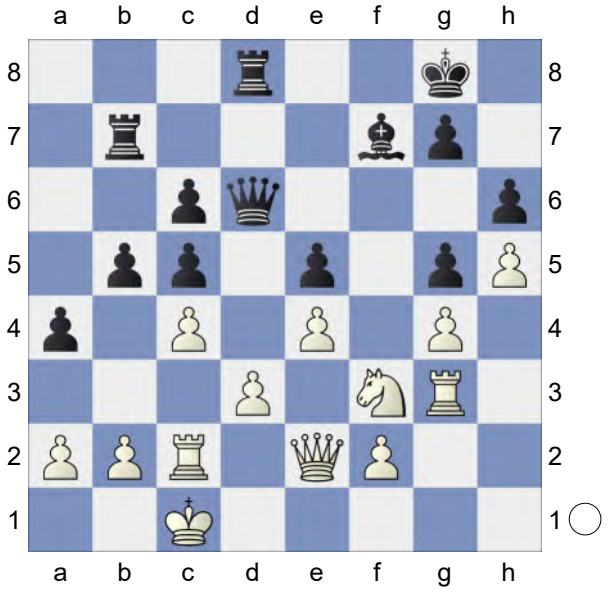
25.Ng2 Bf8

(Diagram)



26.Ne1 c6 27.Rc2 Red8 28.Kc1 Bd6 29.Nxd6 Qxd6 30.Nf3 Rb7

[30...Qxd3?! 31.Nxe5 Qxe2 32.Rxe2=]

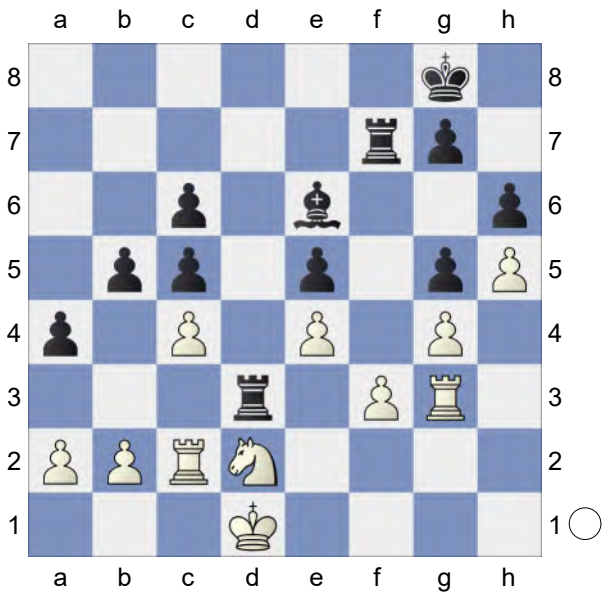


31.Nd2 Be6 32.Qe3 Rf7 33.Kd1 -2.04/22

[33.b3∓ -0.94/19 might work better.]

33...Qd7-+ 34.f3 Qxd3 35.Qxd3 Rxd3

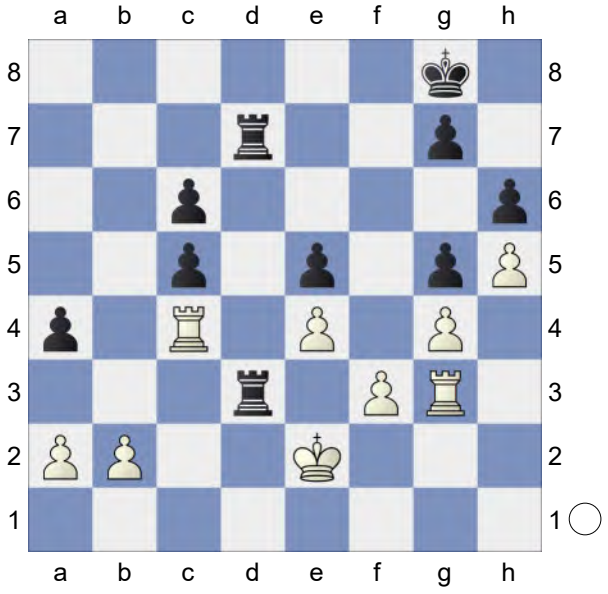
(Diagram)



36.Ke2 Bxc4 -0.43/26

[Black should play 36...Rd4-+ -1.61/22 37.b3 *(37.cxb5? cxb5 38.b3 Rfd7∓)* 37...bxc4]

37.Nxc4∓ bxc4 38.Rxc4-+ Endgame. KRR-KRR **38...Rfd7**

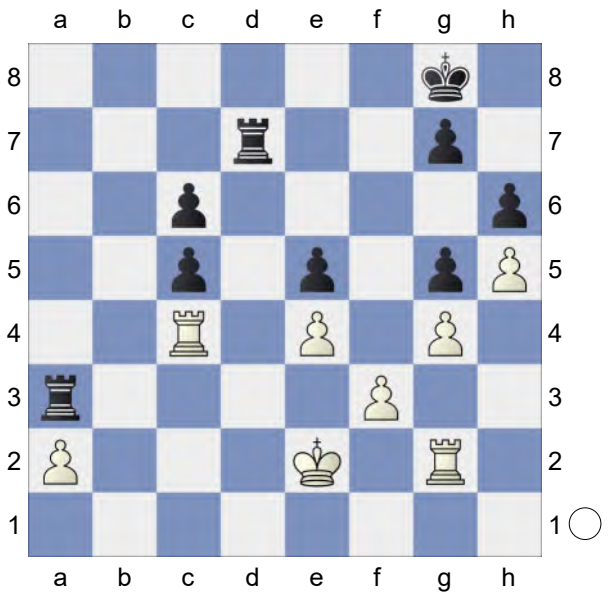


...Rd3-d2+ is the strong threat. **39.Rg2 a3**

[Much worse is 39...Rd2+?! 40.Kf1±]

40.bxa3 Rxa3

(Diagram)

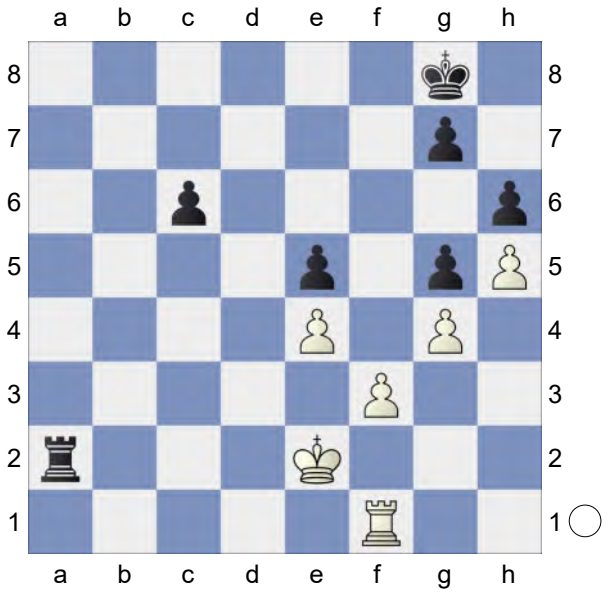


41.Rf2! Rb7 And now ...Rb7-b1 would win. **42.Rxc5 Rb1 43.Rc2 Ra1 44.Rf1 R1xa2** 0.01/29

[44...Rxf1∓ -0.60/28 45.Kxf1 Rxf3+ 46.Kg2 Rf4]

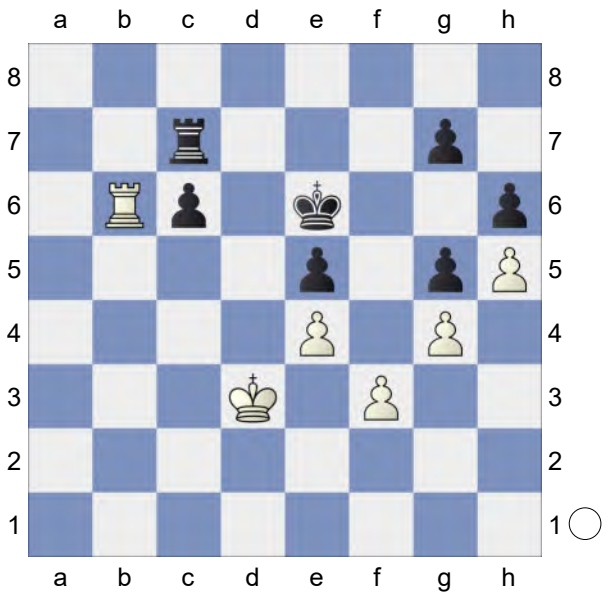
45.Rxa2 The position is equal.

45...Rxa2+∓

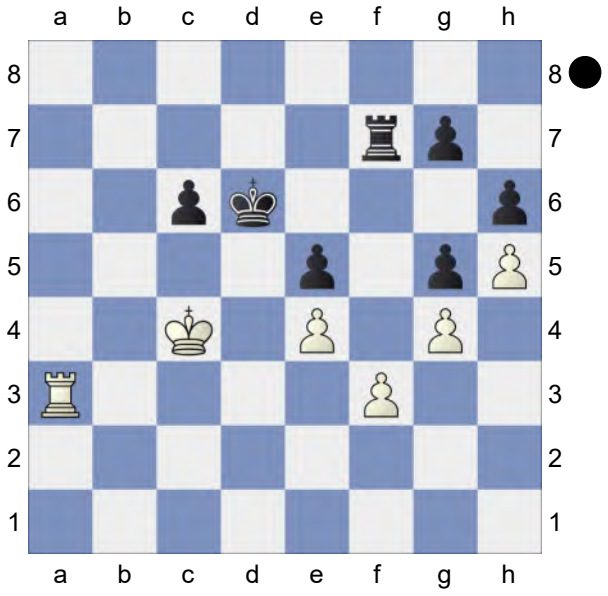


KR-KR **46.Kd3 Kf7 47.Rb1 Ra3+ 48.Ke2 Ra7 49.Rb6 Rc7 50.Kd3 Ke6**

(Diagram)



51.Kc4 Kd6 52.Ra6 Rb7 53.Ra8 Rf7 54.Ra3



Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.12 (very precise)

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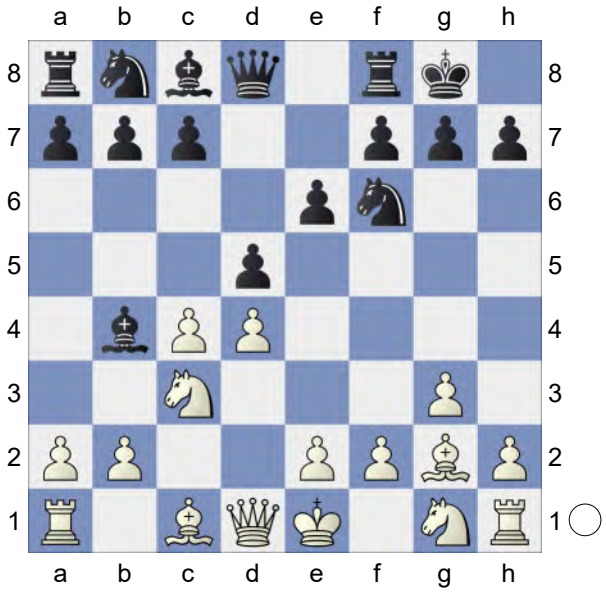
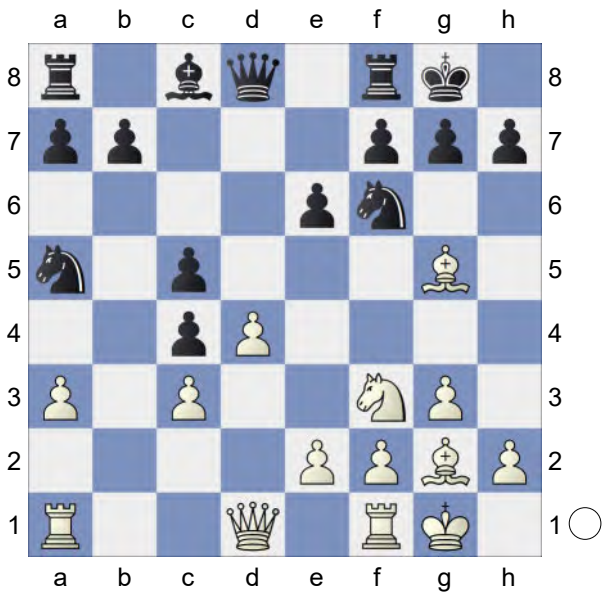
24 **E20**
□ **Shankland,S.** **2670**
■ **Wei Yi** **2755**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (5) 02.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d5**

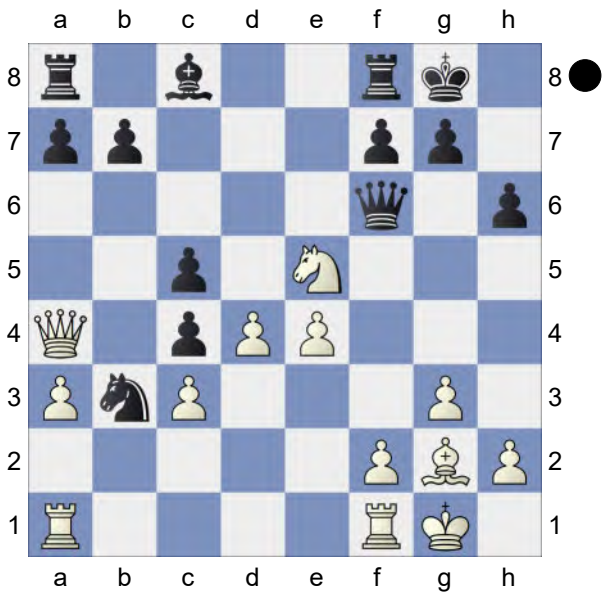


6.Nf3 dxc4 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Na5 10.Bg5 c5

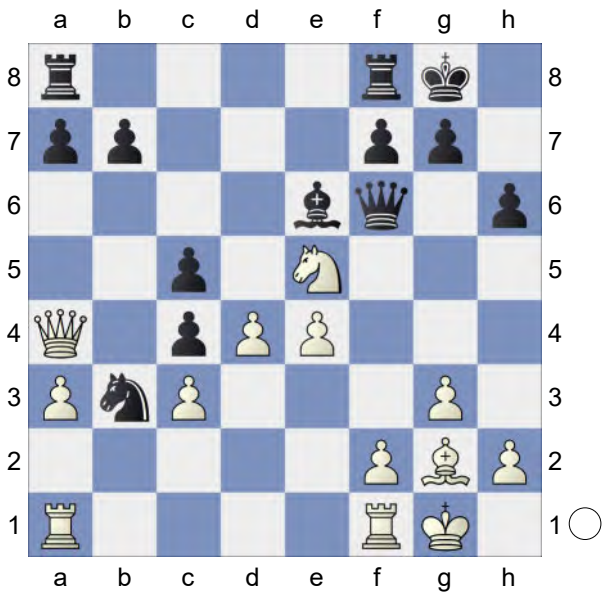


11.e4 And now e4-e5 would win. **11...h6**

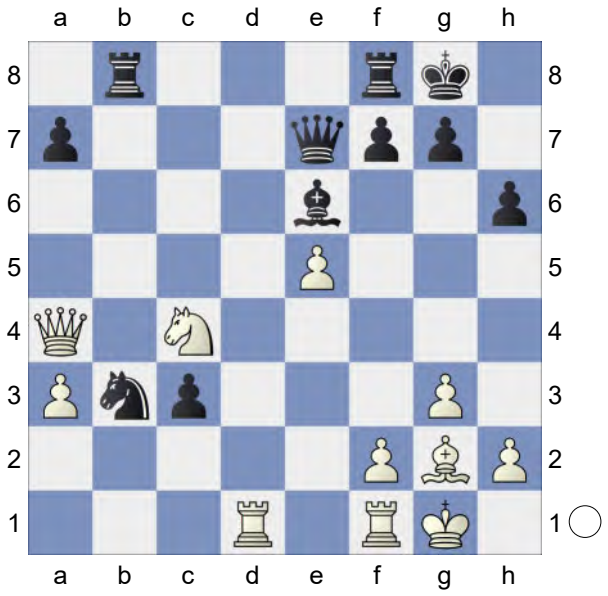
The position is equal. **12.Bh4** Black must now prevent e4-e5. **12...e5N**
[12...Qc7 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.e5 f5 15.Qd2 Kh7 16.Qf4 Rg8 17.Rad1 Rg4 18.Qe3 cxd4 19.Nxd4 Bd7 20.h3 Rg7 21.Ne2 Bc6 22.Rd4 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Qc5 24.Nf4 Nc6 25.Re4 Qb5 26.a4 Qxa4 27.Nh5 1-0 Harikrishna,P (2659)-Xu,J (2522) CHN-chT 4th Chiva 2008 (16) Rg6 28.Rh4 Ne7 29.Nf6+ Kg7 30.Rd4 Nc6 31.Nh5+ Kh7 32.Rd7 Rf8 33.Qc5 Kg8 34.Nf6+ Kg7 35.Rc7 Rd8 36.Rb1 Rd3 37.Rxf7+ 1-0 Kennaugh,C (2659)-Lazard,F (2522) 56/498 Debrecen 1992 (16)]
13.Bxf6!
[13.dxe5? Qxd1 14.Raxd1 Nxe4-+]
[13.Nxe5 cxd4 14.Bxf6 *(14.cxd4 g5∓; 14.Qxd4? Qxd4 15.cxd4 g5-+)* 14...gxf6]
13...Qxf6 14.Qa4 -1.32/22
[14.Nxe5= -0.09/18 Nb3 15.Nxc4 Nxa1 16.Qxa1]
14...Nb3∓ 15.Nxe5
[15.dxe5 Qe6 16.Rad1 a6]



15...Be6!



16.Rad1 -2.31/20
[16.Nxc4∓ -1.12/20 might work better. Bxc4 *(16...Nxa1 17.e5∓)* 17.Qxc4 Nxa1 18.e5]
16...cxd4-+ 17.Nxc4 b5 18.Qxb5 Rab8 19.Qa4 -3.53/22
[⌓19.Qa6 -2.26/23 dxc3 20.Ne3]
19...dxc3
[19...Nc5 20.Qxa7 Bxc4 21.Qxc5 Bxf1 22.Rxf1∓]
20.e5 Qe7



21.Nd6 c2 22.Rde1
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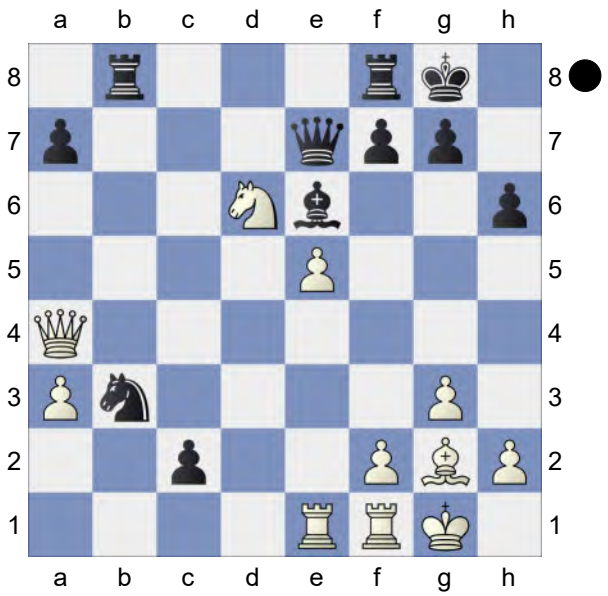
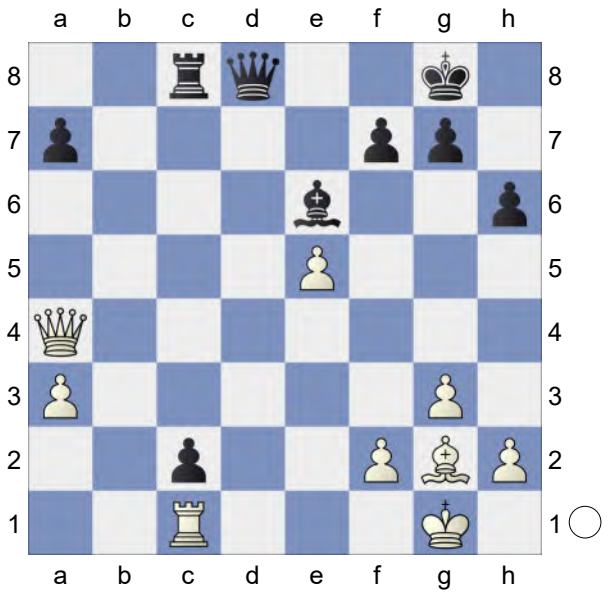
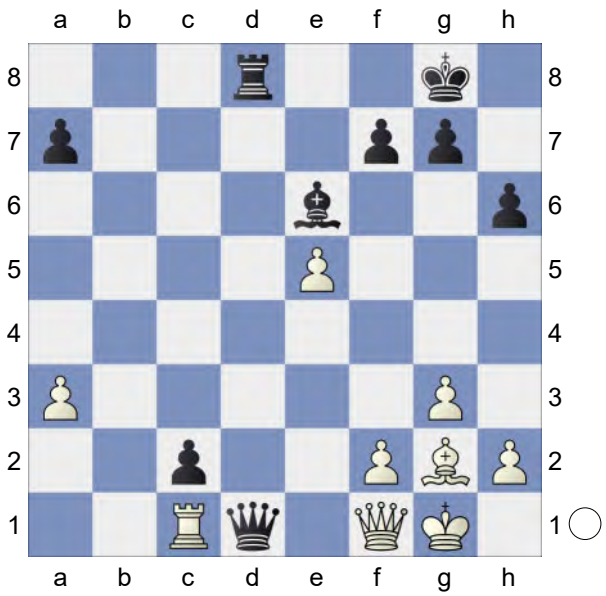


Rfc8! 23.Nxc8 Rxc8
[Worse is 23...Bxc8 24.Be4=]
24.Rc1 Nxc1 Black is clearly winning.
25.Rxc1 Qd8



26.Qb5 -10.79/23
[⌓26.h4 -4.60/24]
26...Qd1+ 27.Qf1 Rd8

(Diagram)



White did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/Black=0.00 (flawless)
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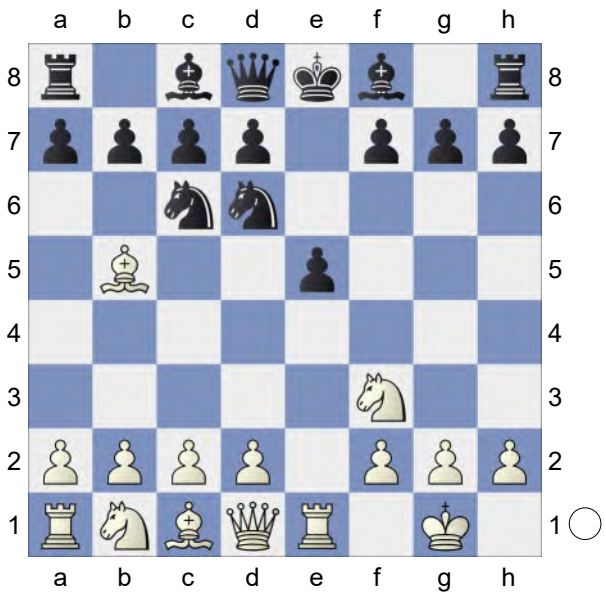
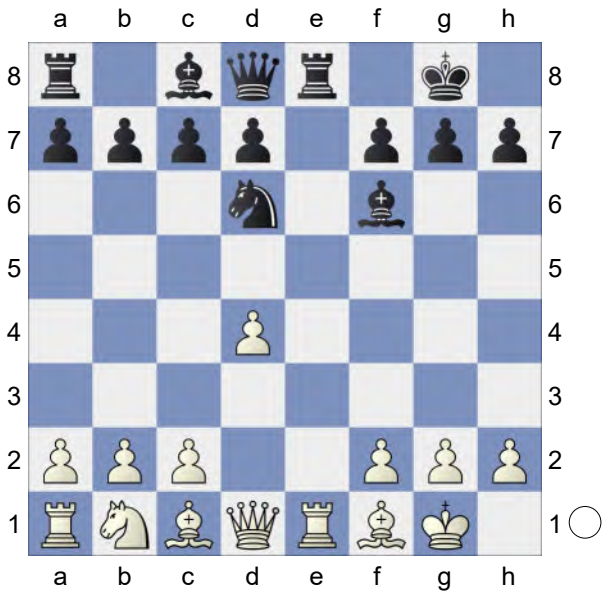
25 **C67**
□ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2741**
■ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR.** **2729**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (5) 02.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6**

(Diagram)



6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1 Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.d4 Bf6 10.Re1 Re8



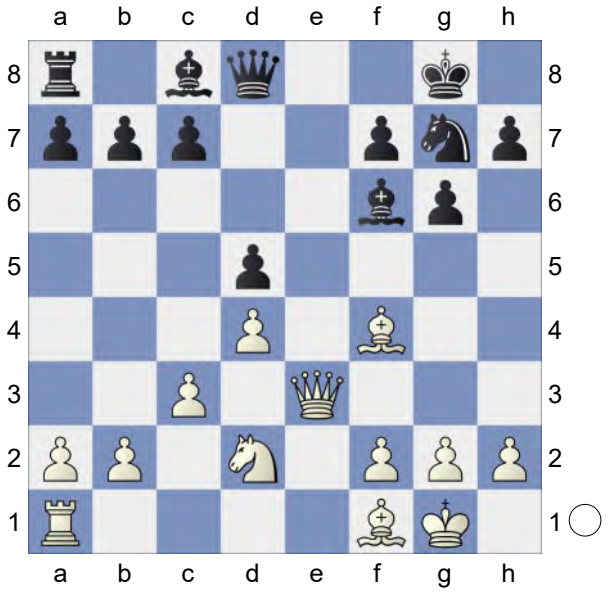
11.c3 Rxe1 12.Qxe1 Ne8 White has an edge. **13.Bf4 d5 14.Nd2**
[14.Bd3 g6 15.Na3 c6 16.Nc2 Ng7 17.Qd2 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Nxf5 19.Ne3 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 Qe7 21.Qxe7 Bxe7 22.Re1 Bf8 23.Kf1 f6 24.g4 Kf7 25.h3 Re8 26.Rxe8 Kxe8 27.Ke2 Kd7 28.Kd3 Ke6 1-0 Carlsen,M (2855)-Aronian,L (2792) Paris GCT blitz 2016 (4)]
14...g6

[14...c6 15.Qe3 Bf5 16.Re1 Nd6 17.h3 Qd7 18.Qg3 Ne4 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Be5 Bxe5 21.Qxe5 Re8 22.Qf4 Bg6 23.Bc4 h6 24.g4 b5 25.Bb3 a5 26.a3 b4 27.axb4 axb4 28.h4 bxc3 29.bxc3 1-0 Lou,Y (2459)-Zhao,J (2535) TCh-CHN Div A Finals Shaoxing 2024 (2.1)]

15.Qe3N

[15.Qe2 c6 16.Re1 Ng7 17.h3 Bf5 18.g4 Be6 19.Nb3 b6 20.Nc1 Bg5 21.Qe3 Bxf4 22.Qxf4 h5 23.Nd3 hxg4 24.hxg4 f6 25.Qh6 Bxg4 26.Nf4 Bf5 27.Nxg6 Bxg6 28.Qxg6 Qd7 29.Qxf6 Rf8 ½-½ Vaisman,V (2599)- ♘d7 10.d4 (2745) Play the Power Pirc 2023 (1.2)]

15...Ng7



16.h3 c6 17.Re1 h5 18.Nf3 Bf5 19.Be5 Ne6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6

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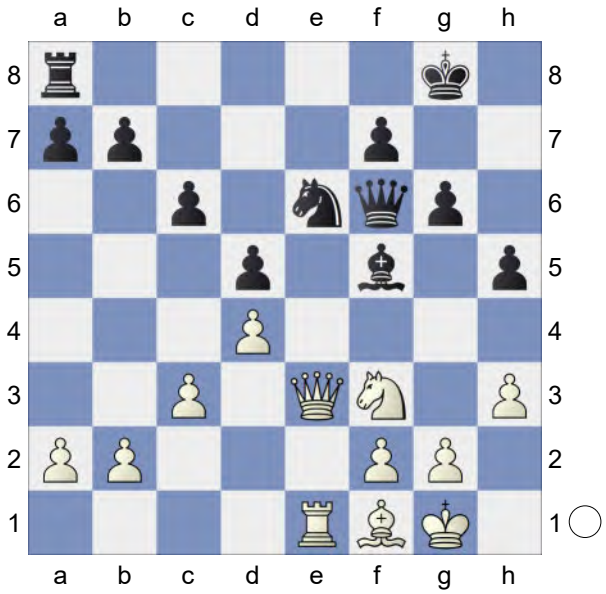
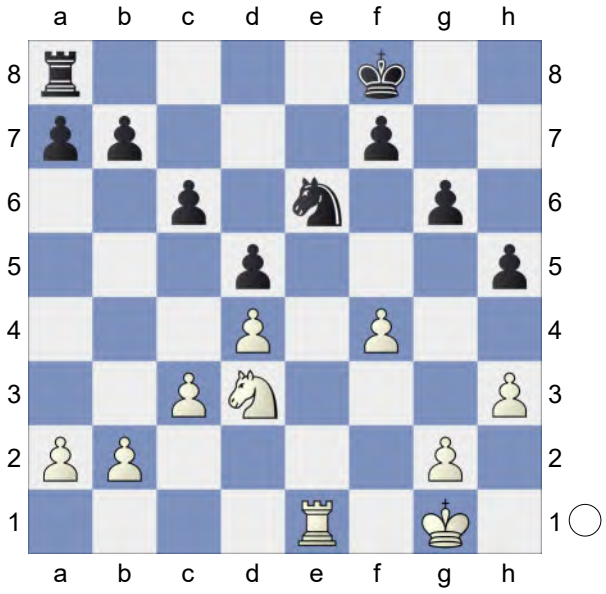


21.Ne5 Qg5 22.Qxg5 Nxg5 23.Bd3 Bxd3 24.Nxd3± Endgame. KRN-KRN 24...Ne6 25.f4 Kf8



26.Re5 Ng7 27.Nc5 Nf5 0.41/21

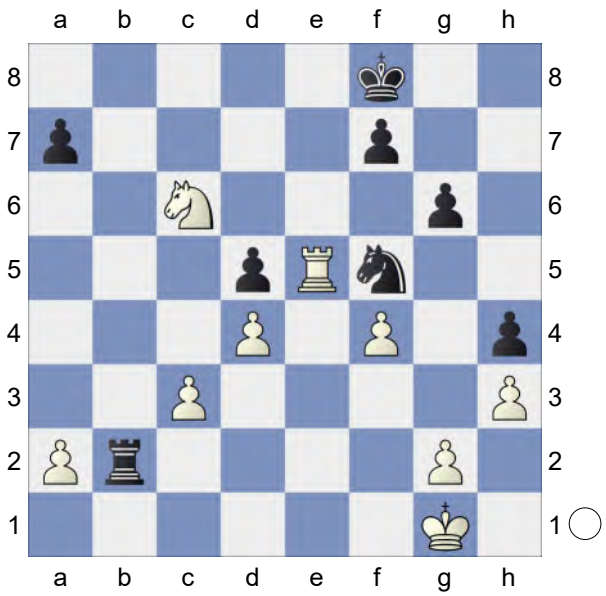
[27...Rd8= 0.01/22 was preferrable.]

28.Nxb7 -0.33/24

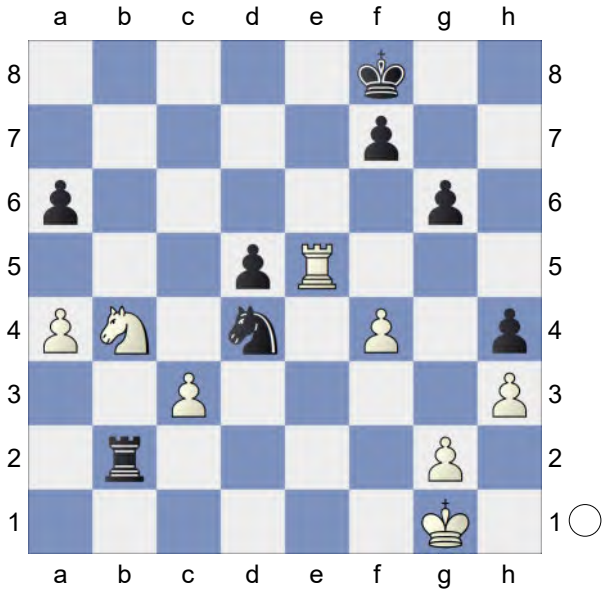
[28.g4± 0.41/21 hxg4 29.hxg4]

28...Rb8∓ 29.Na5 Rxb2 30.Nxc6 h4

(Diagram)



31.a4 a6 32.Nb4 Nxd4



And now ...Nd4-e2+ would win. Deflection **33.Nd3 Rd2 34.cxd4 Rxd3 35.Rxd5=** KR-KR **35...Rd2**

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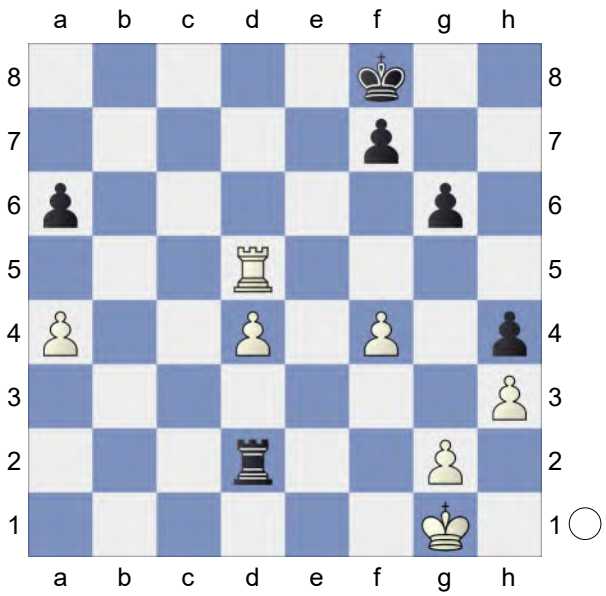
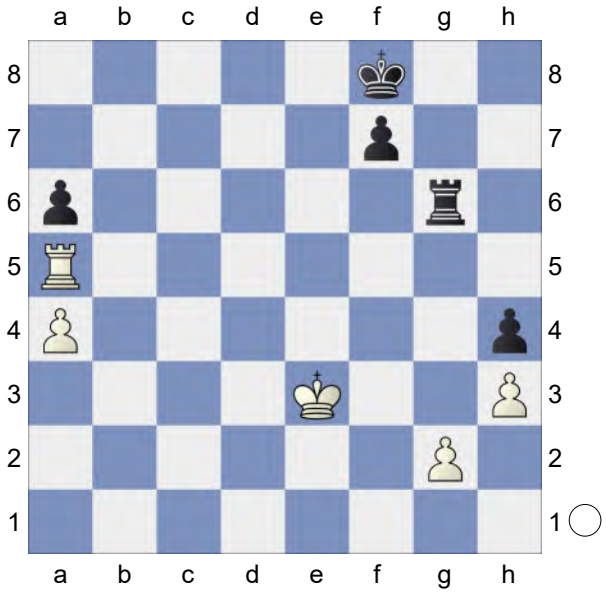


36.f5 gxf5 37.Rxf5 Rxd4 38.Ra5 Rd6 39.Kf2 Rf6+ 40.Ke3 Rg6



41.Kf3 Rf6+ 42.Kg4 Rf2 43.Rxa6 Rxg2+ 44.Kxh4 Ra2 45.a5 0.01/27
[45.Ra8+± 0.83/24 Ke7 46.Kg5]
45...Kg7

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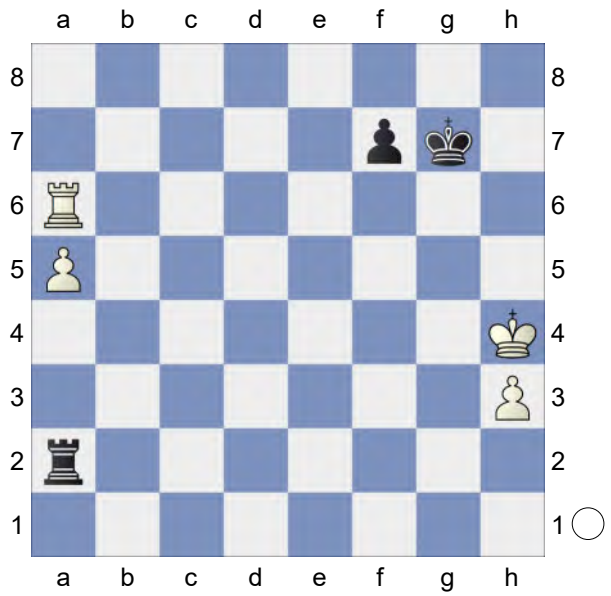
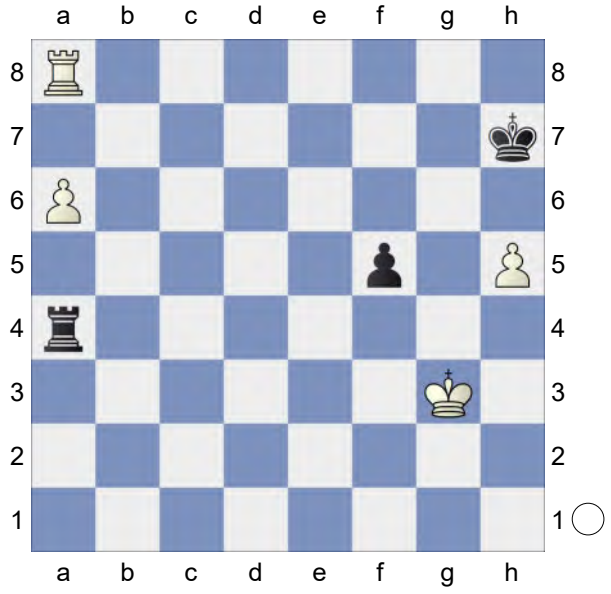
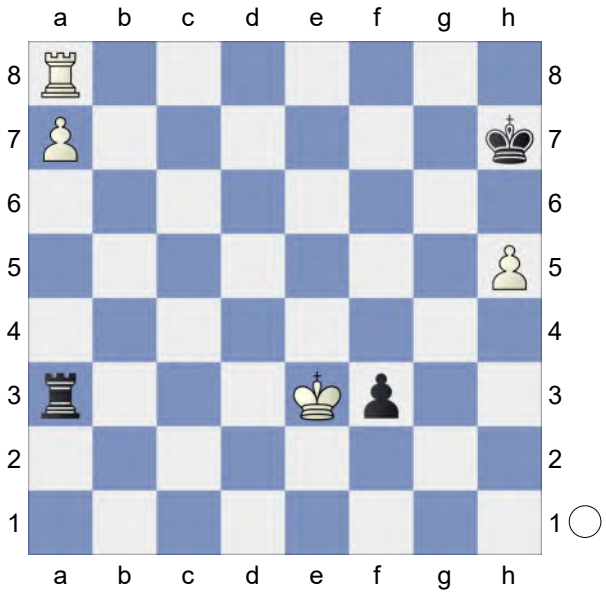


46.Ra8 0.01/25
[46.Kg4± 0.40/26]
46...Kg6 47.a6 Ra4+ 48.Kg3 f5 The position is equal. **49.h4 Kg7 50.h5 Kh7**

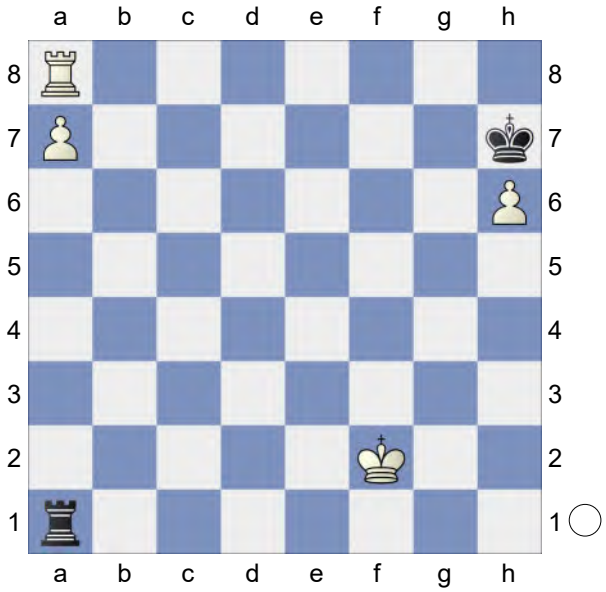


51.Kf3 Kg7 52.Ke3
[52.a7 seems wilder. Kh7 53.h6 Ra1 54.Kf4]
52...Kh7 53.Kd3
[53.Ke2!? Ra3□ *(53...Kh6 54.a7±)* 54.Kf2=]
53...f4 54.a7 f3 55.Ke3
[55.Kd2!?]

55...Ra3+



56.Kf2 Kg7 57.h6+ Kh7! 58.Kg3 f2+ 59.Kxf2 Ra1



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½-½

26 **B40**
□ **Wei Yi** **2755**
■ **Gurel,Ediz** **2624**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (6) 04.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B40: Sicilian: 2...e6, Unusual lines **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4**
[4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 d6 10.Qe2 Qa5 11.a3 Ng6 12.b4 Qc7 13.Bg3 Be7 14.Rac1 0-0 15.Ba2 Qb8 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.f4 Bf6 18.Qh5 b5 0-1 Neikirkh,O (2580)-Olsen,J (2660) USSR 37/353 1984 (6)]
4...Nf6
[4...Nc6 5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 44/01 2001]
5.Nd2N
[5.Bd3 d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 a6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Rc1 b6 11.f3 Bb7 12.Qe1 0-0 13.Qf2 Rac8 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Bf1 Bd8 16.b3 Bc7 17.Qh4 Ne5 18.Bg5 Bd8 19.Qh3 Nc6 4 Chapter-Game Chapter 1-21 Game]
5...d6

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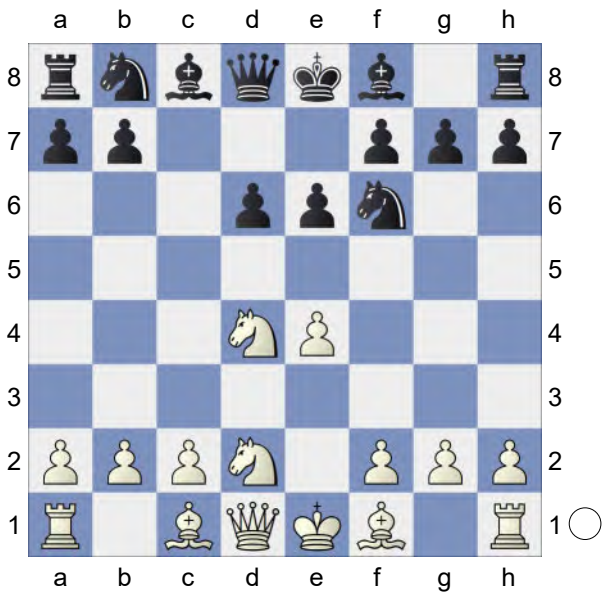
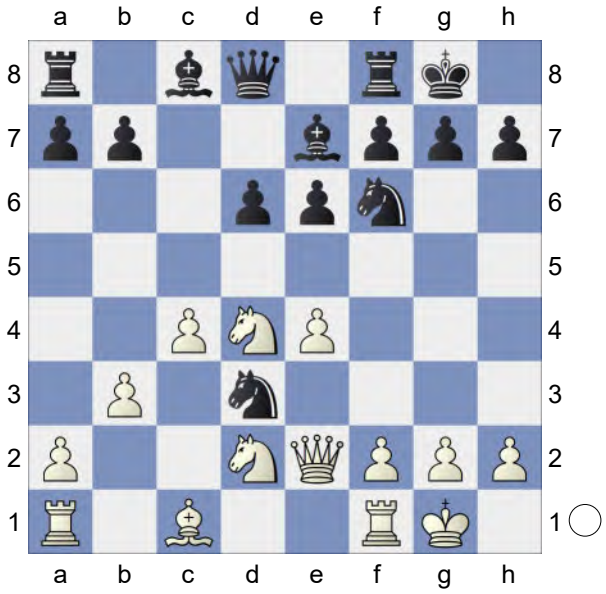


6.Bd3 Be7 7.Qe2 0-0 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.b3 Nc5 10.c4 Nxd3



11.Qxd3 Bd7 12.a4 a6 13.Ba3 Re8 14.Rfe1 Qc7 15.Bb2 Rad8

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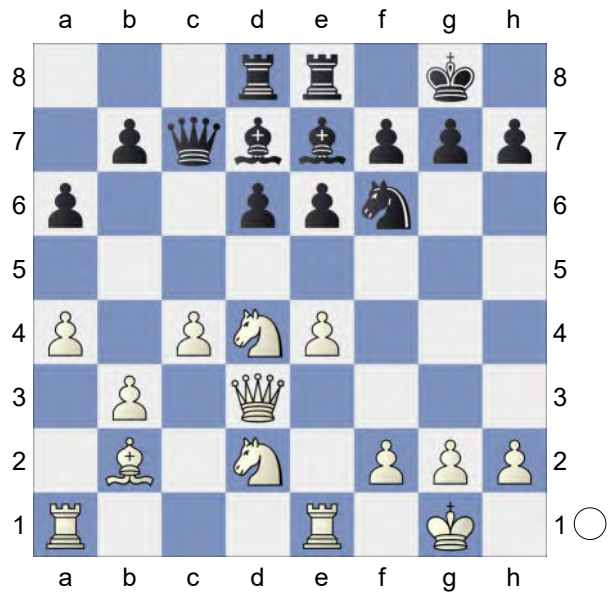
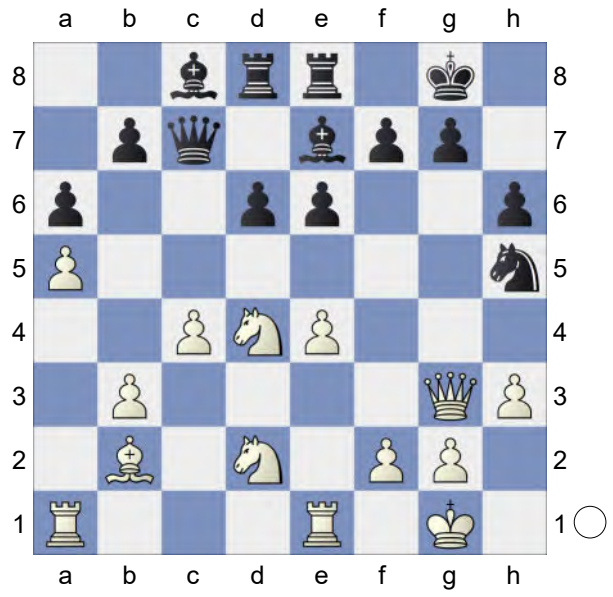
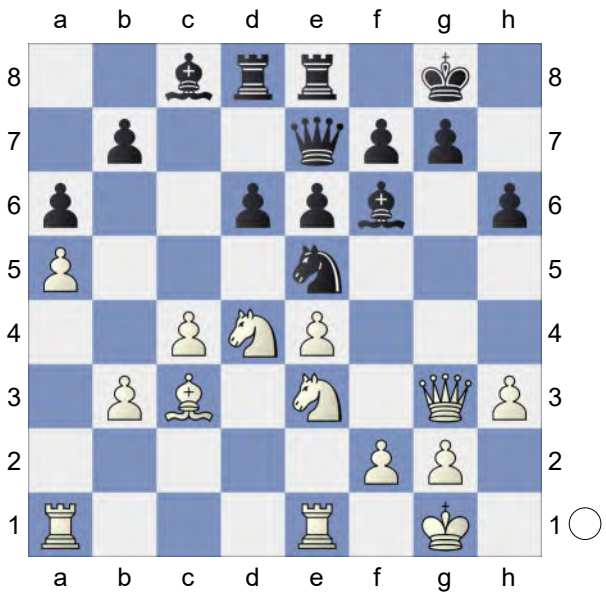


16.a5 h6 17.h3 Bc8 18.Qg3 Nh5 19.Qf3 Nf6 20.Qg3 0.01/19
[20.Ne2± 0.39/18]
20...Nh5=

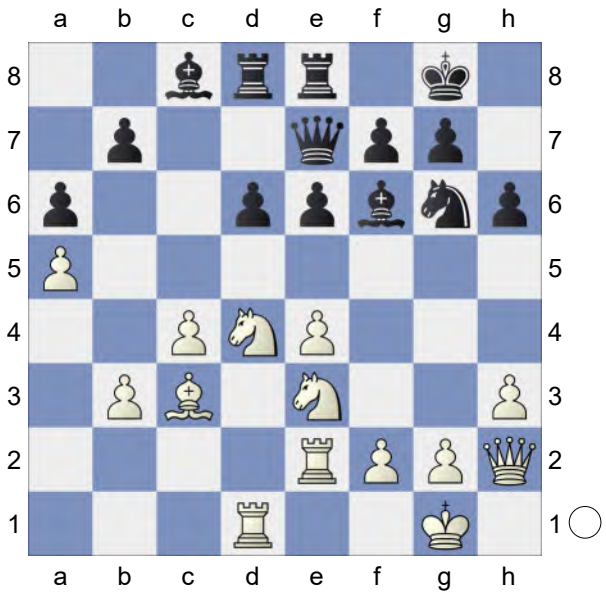


21.Qf3 Nf6 22.Bc3 Nd7 23.Nf1 Bf6 24.Ne3 Ne5 25.Qg3 Qe7

(Diagram)

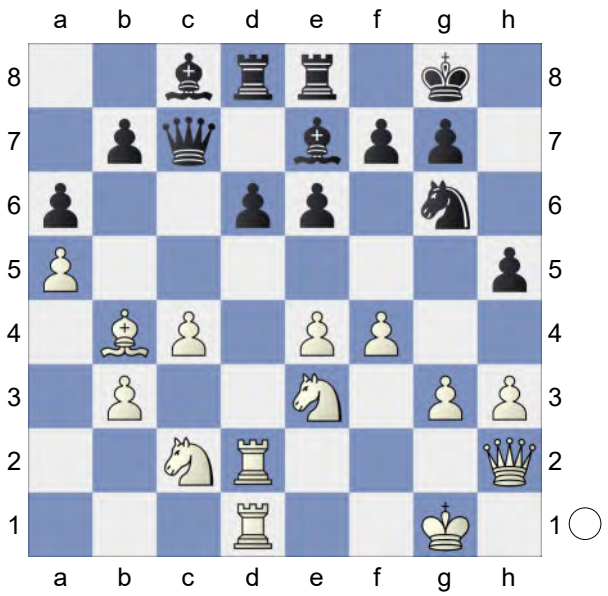


26.Rad1 Bh4 27.Qh2 Bf6 28.Qg3 Bh4 29.Qh2 Bf6 30.Re2 Ng6

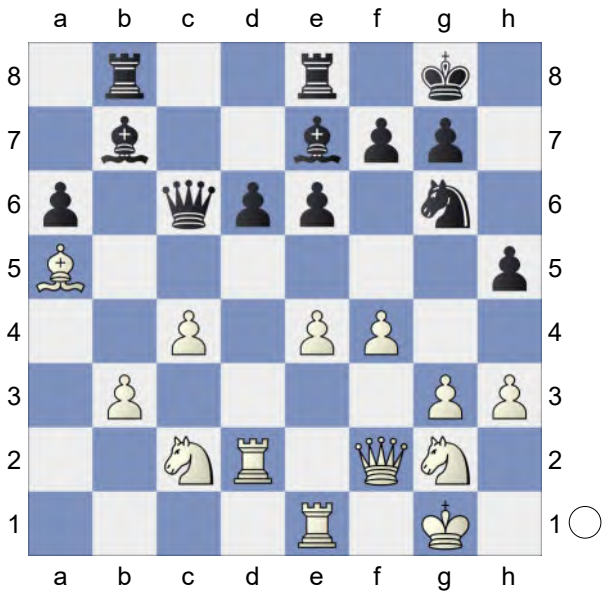


31.Red2 h5 0.41/18
[31...Be5= 0.01/19 feels stronger. 32.Qh1 Qc7]
32.Bb4± Be5 33.g3 Qc7 34.f4 -0.03/21
[34.Nf3± 0.33/20]
34...Bf6!= 35.Ndc2 Be7

(Diagram)



36.Qf2 b6 37.axb6 Qxb6 38.Ng2 Qc6 39.Re1 Bb7 40.Ba5 Rb8



41.Kh2 Ba8 42.Rd3 Qc5 43.Qd2 h4 44.g4 -0.94/21

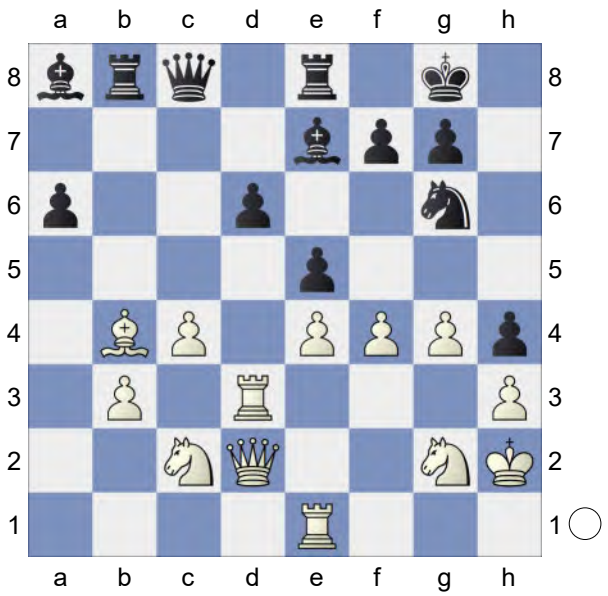
[44.Rde3= -0.25/18 remains equal.]

44...e5 Threatens to win with ...e5xf4.

45.Bb4 Qc8 -0.35/20

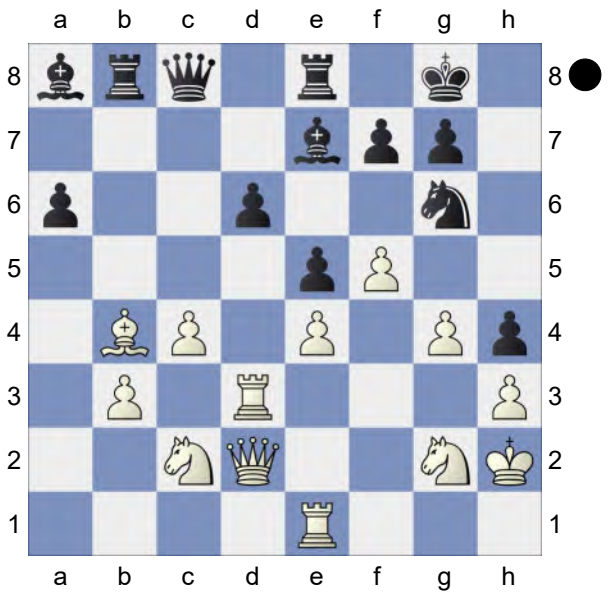
[45...Rxb4!∓ -1.00/21 46.Nxb4 exf4]

(Diagram)



46.f5∓

[46.Bxd6? Bxd6 47.Rxd6 exf4 *(47...Rxb3? 48.Nce3-+)* 48.Nxf4 Nxf4 *(48...Rxe4 49.Nxg6 fxg6 50.Rxe4=; 48...Bxe4 49.Nxg6 Bxg6 50.Nd4∓; 48...Rxb3? 49.Nxg6 fxg6 50.Nd4-+)* 49.Qxf4 Rxb3-+]



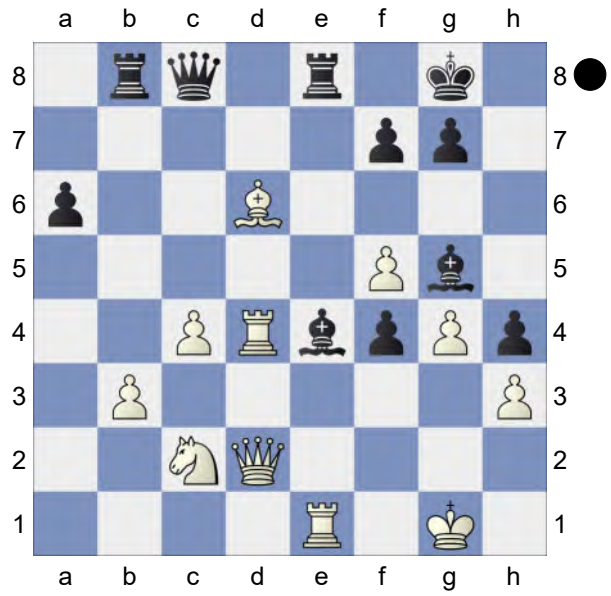
46...Nf4 47.Nxf4 Bg5 Pin **48.Kg1** -0.56/20 **exf4**

[Reject 48...Bxf4 49.Qc3=]

49.Bxd6 Bxe4! 50.Rd4 -0.92/24

[50.Rxe4∓ -0.49/21 Rxe4 51.Bxb8

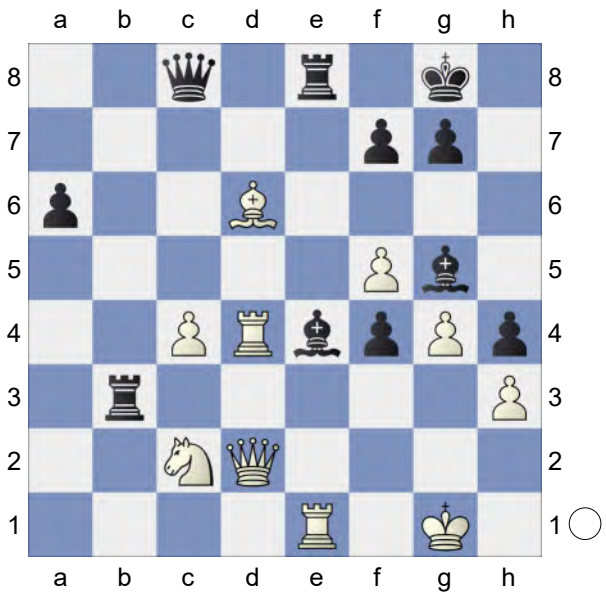
Qxb8 52.Kf1]



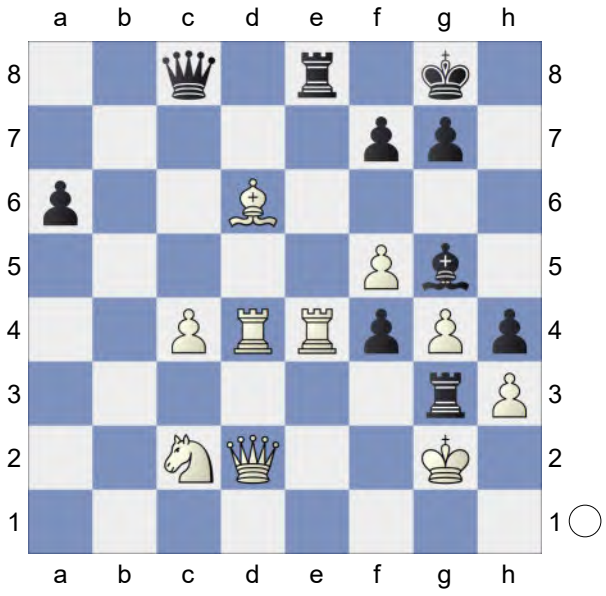
50...Rxb3 0.01/26

[Black should play 50...Bxc2!∓ -0.92/24 51.Rxe8+ *(51.Bxb8? is the wrong capture. Rxe1+ 52.Qxe1 Qxb8-+)* 51...Qxe8 52.Bxb8 *(52.Qxc2 Qe1+ 53.Kg2 f3+* Decoy *54.Kxf3 Qf1+ 55.Qf2 Rxb3+ 56.Ke4 Qxf2 57.Kd5 Qf3+ 58.Re4 Rd3+* Deflection *59.Kc6 Qxe4+ 60.Kc7 Qxc4+ 61.Kb8 Rb3+ 62.Ka7 Be3+)* 52...Qxb8 53.Qxc2 f3]

(Diagram)



51.Rexe4 Qd2-e1 would now be deadly. The position is equal. **51...Rg3+ 52.Kf1** Qd2-e2 is the strong threat. **52...Rf3+ 53.Kg2 Rg3+ 54.Kf1** Black must now prevent Qd2-e2. **54...Rf3+ 55.Kg2 Rg3+**



56.Kf1

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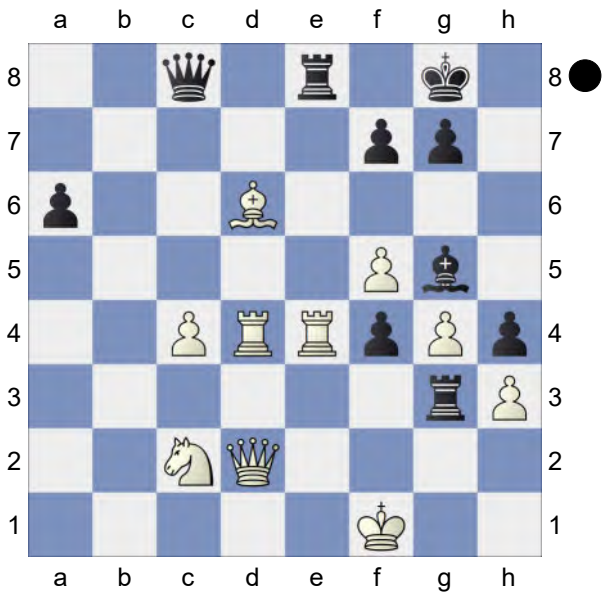

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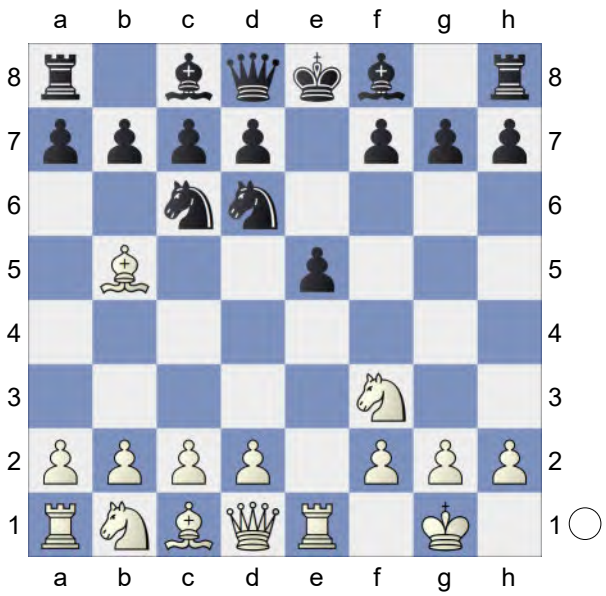
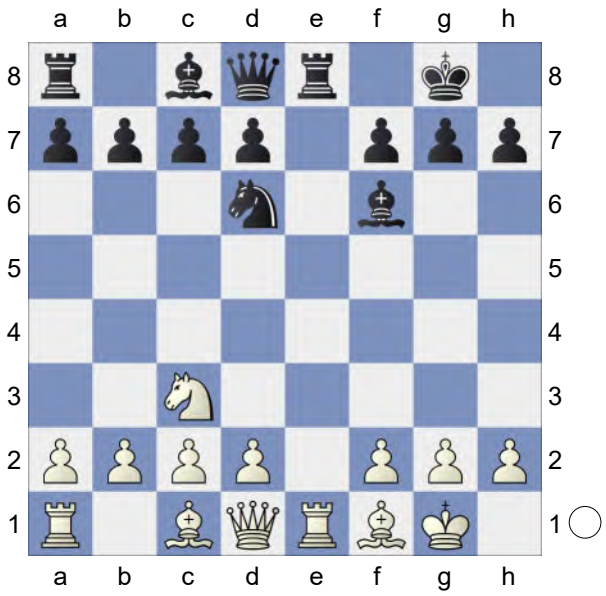
27 **C67**
□ **Nguyen,Thai Dai Van** **2668**
■ **Navara,D.** **2677**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (6) 04.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2686 v3 ↻ 2.00GHz 1995 MHz W=15.3 plies; 1. 871kN/s; Perfect2021.ctg B=15.2 plies; 2.088kN/s; Perfect2021.ctg **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6**

(Diagram)



6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1 Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.Nc3 Bf6 10.Re1 Re8



11.Rxe8+

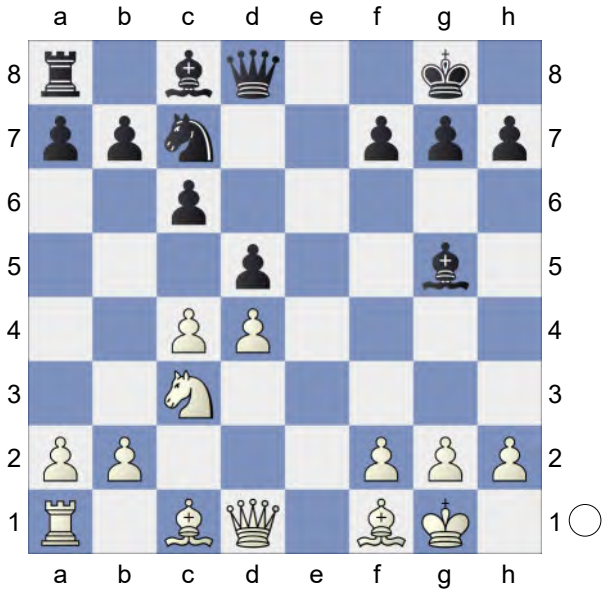
[11.Nd5 Rxe1 12.Qxe1 b6 13.Nxf6+ *(13.d3 Bb7 14.Nxf6+ Qxf6 15.Qb4 c5 16.Qf4 Qxf4 17.Bxf4 Nf5 18.Re1 f6 19.c3 Kf7 20.f3 g5 21.Bd2 h5 22.Kf2 h4 23.Be2 Bd5 24.a3 Rg8 25.Bd1 Be6 26.Bc2 Ne7 27.b4 Rc8* 0-1 Paravyan,D (2586)-Lazavik,D (2541) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (7) *)* 13...Qxf6 14.f3 Bb7 15.Qf2 Re8

16.d4 h6 17.Bd2 Nf5 18.c3 Nh4 19.Bd3 Ng6 20.Re1 Rxe1+ 21.Qxe1 Qe6 22.Qxe6 dxe6 23.c4 Kf8 24.Kf2 Ke8 25.Bc2 Ne7 ½-½ Aronian,L (2767)-Carlsen,M (2842) 6th Sinquefield Cup 2018 Saint Louis USA (3.1)]

11...Nxe8 12.Nd5 Bg5N

[12...Bh4 13.c4 c6 14.Nc3 Nc7 15.d4 d5 16.Qb3 b6 17.Be3 Be6 18.Rd1 Bf6 19.Be2 Qd7 20.h3 Rd8 21.Qa4 dxc4 22.Qxa7 b5 23.a4 Be7 24.axb5 cxb5 25.Bf3 Bf5 26.Re1 Kf8 27.Rc1 ½-½ Ktulu-Deep Fritz SCCT (3m+2s(Champions Antalya 2021 (1.12)]

13.c4 c6 14.Nc3 Nc7 15.d4 d5



16.Qb3 b6 17.Qa4

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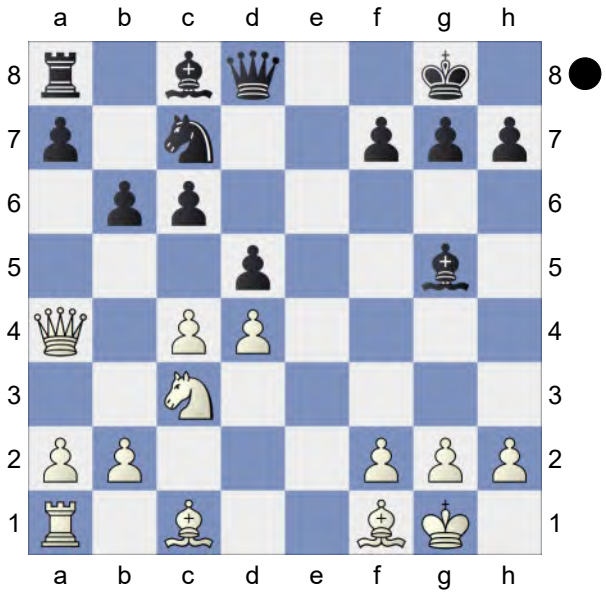
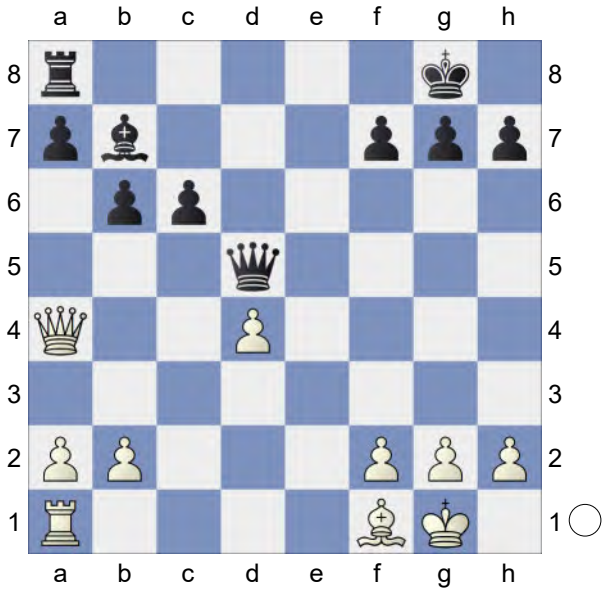
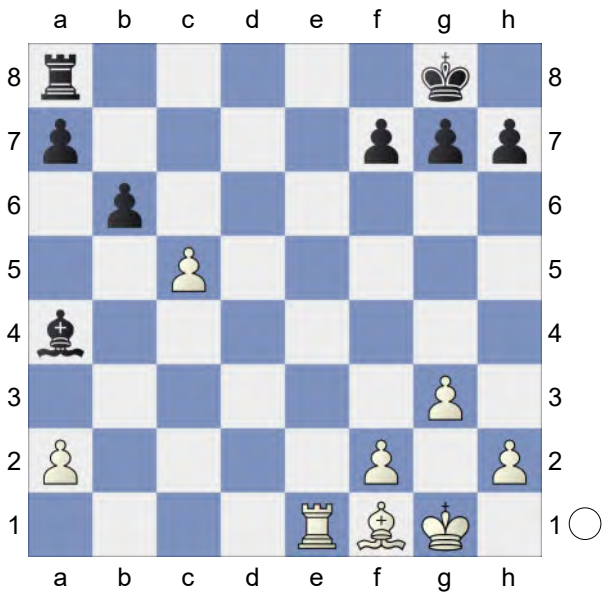


Strongly threatening Bc1xg5. **17...Bb7 18.Bxg5 Qxg5 19.cxd5 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 Qxd5**

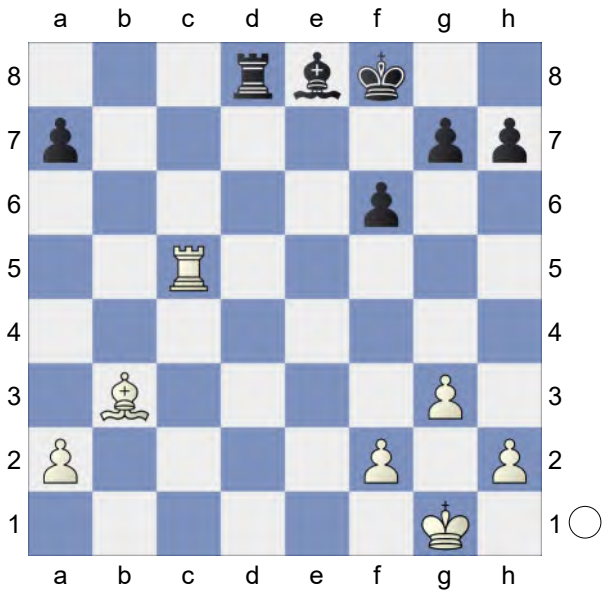


21.Re1 Qd6 Inhibits Re1-e7. **22.g3 c5 23.dxc5 Qxc5 24.b4 Bc6 25.bxc5 Bxa4±**

(Diagram)



Endgame. KRB-KRB **26.Re7 bxc5 27.Rc7 Kf8 28.Bc4 Be8 29.Rxc5 Rd8 30.Bb3** Repels Rd8-d1+ **30...f6**



31.Rc7 Rd7 32.Rc8 Re7 33.Ra8 g5 34.Ba4 Kf7 35.Bxe8+ Rxe8

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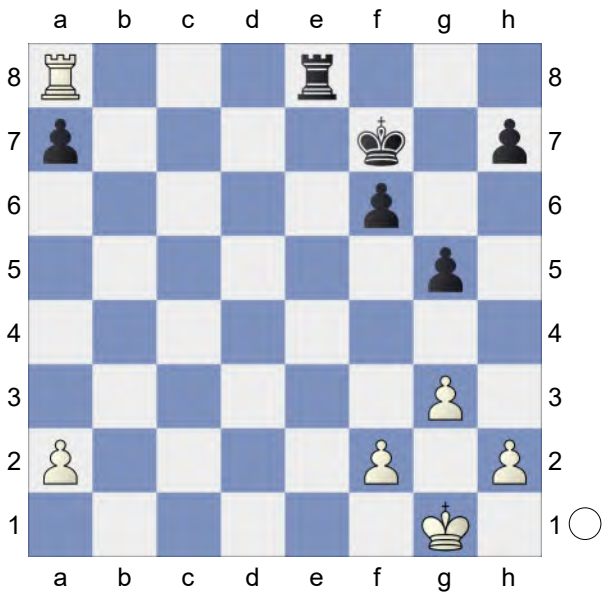


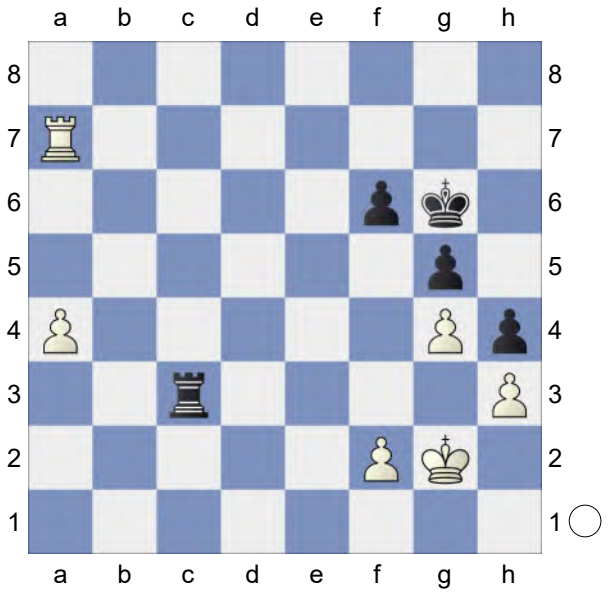
36.Rxa7+± KR-KR **36...Kg6 37.Kg2 h5 38.h3** 0.36/23

[Better is 38.a4± 0.72/21]

38...Rc8 39.a4 h4 1.33/30

[39...Rc2± 0.43/23]

40.g4 White is more active. **40...Rc3**

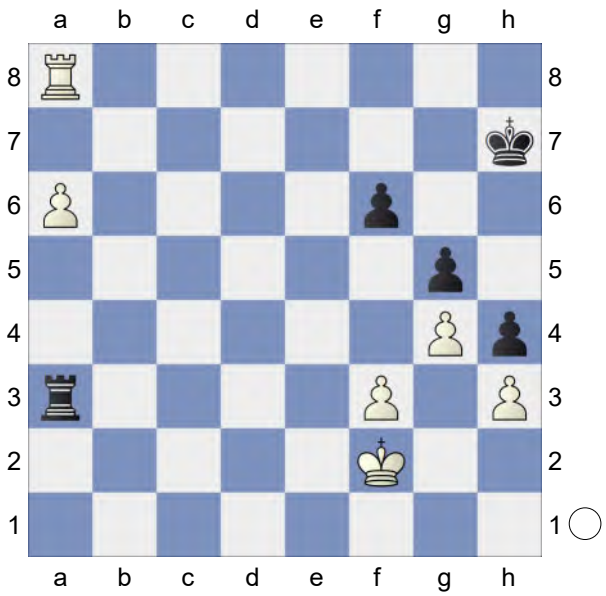


41.a5 Ra3 42.a6 Kh6 43.Ra8 Kh7 44.f3 0.01/33

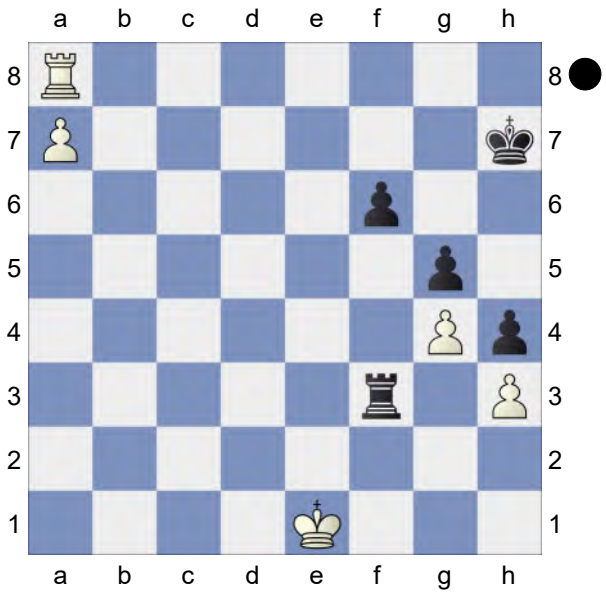
[44.a7!± 0.58/27]

44...Kg7 45.Kf2 Kh7

(Diagram)



46.Ke2 Kg7 47.Kf2 Kh7 48.Ke1
0.01/23
[48.a7!± 0.44/27]
48...Rxf3= 49.a7



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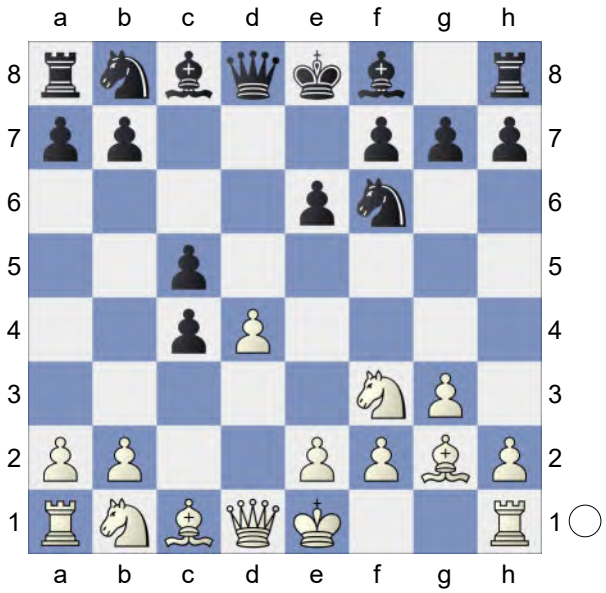
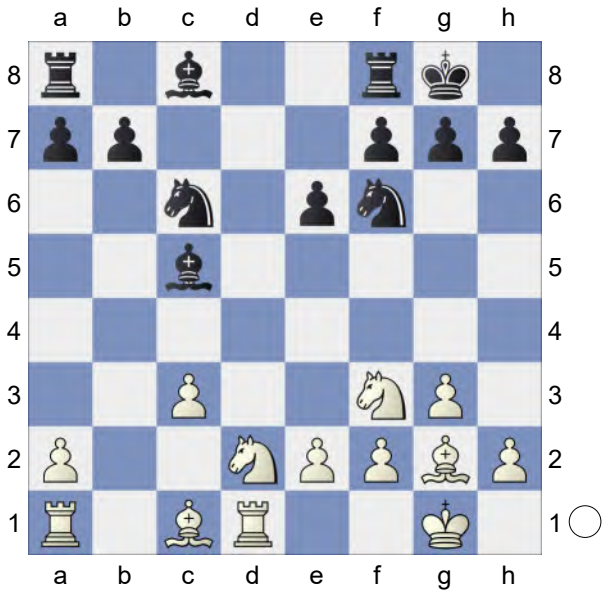
28 **E04**
□ **Keymer,Vincent** **2731**
■ **Giri,A.** **2728**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (6) 04.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 c5**



6.0-0 Nc6 7.dxc5 Qxd1 8.Rxd1 Bxc5 9.Nbd2 c3 10.bxc3 0-0

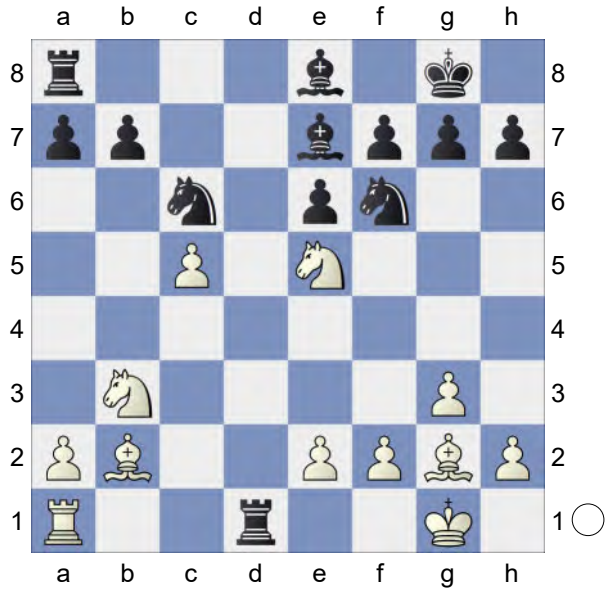


11.Nb3 Be7 12.c4 Bd7 13.Bb2 Rfd8 14.c5N

[14.Nfd4 Rac8 15.Nb5 b6 *(15...Be8 16.c5 a5 17.Bxc6 Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Bxc6 19.Na7 Ra8 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.a4 Ne4 22.Bd4 Rd8 23.Rc1 Nd2 24.Nxa5 Rxd4 25.Nxc6 Rd7 26.Nxe7+ Rxe7 27.Rd1 Rd7 28.Kg2 Rd5 29.a5 Kf8 30.a6* 1-0 Nakamura, H (2736)-Tari,A (2639) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 148/167 2021*)* 16.Nd6 Rc7 *(16...Rb8 17.Rd2 a5 18.a4 Kf8 19.Rad1 Nb4 20.Nb5 Bc6 21.Be5 Rxd2 22.Rxd2 Rb7* Xiong,J (2633)-Zatonskih,A (2424) 134/(163) Douglas 2017 *)* 17.Ba3 Kf8 *(17...Ne5 18.Nb5 Bxb5 19.Rxd8+ Bxd8 20.cxb5 Nc4 21.Rd1 Rd7 22.Rxd7 Nxd7 23.Bb4 Bf6 24.e3 Bb2 25.Bf1 Nce5 26.f4 Ng4 27.e4 Ngf6 28.Bd3 e5 29.Kg2* Giri,A (2760)-Firouzja,A (2778) Miami (m/1-rapid) 153/(167) 2022*)* 18.c5 Nb8 19.Nb5 Catalan Dc5-10...0-0 11.♘b3 ♗e7 12.c4 2023]

14...Be8 15.Ne5 The position is equal.

15...Rxd1+



16.Rxd1 Rd8 17.Rc1 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Nd5 19.Na5 b6 20.Nb7 Rc8

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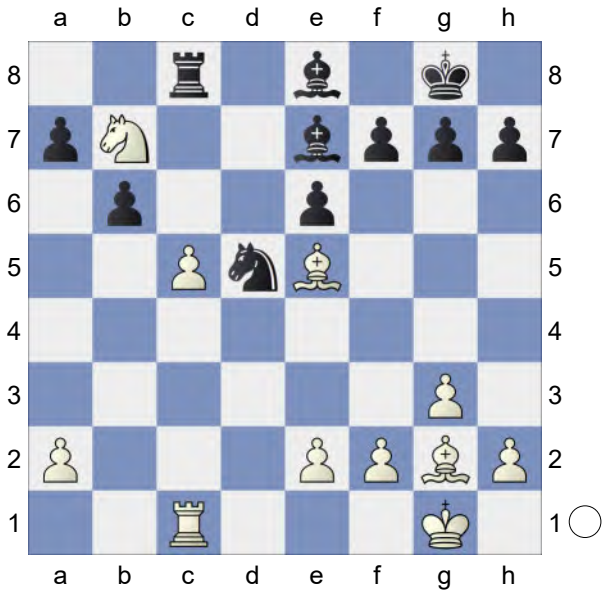

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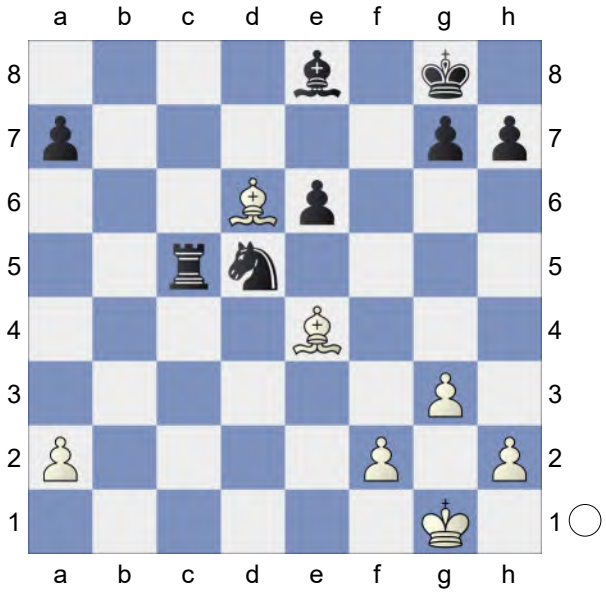

26.Bxc5± Endgame. KBB-KBN **26...Nc3**
27.Bd3 A strong pair of Bishops.
27...Nxa2 1.49/22
[27...Kf7± 0.57/20]
28.Bc4± White is more active.
[Don't play 28.Bxa7?! Nc3±]
28...Nc3 29.Bxe6+ Bf7 30.Bxf7+ Kxf7

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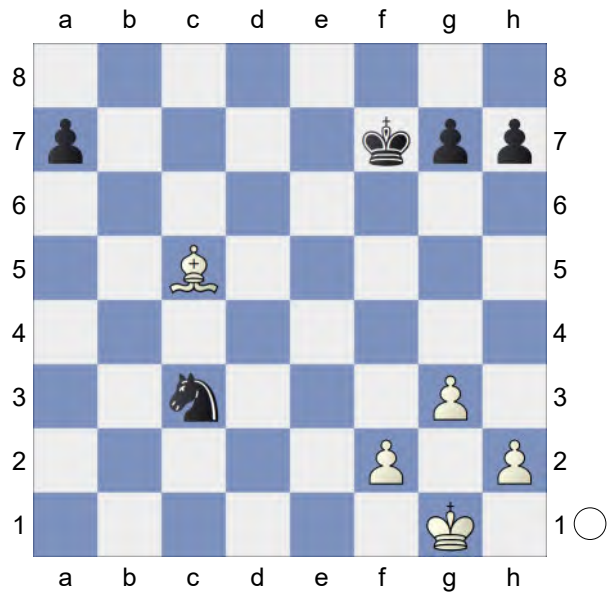
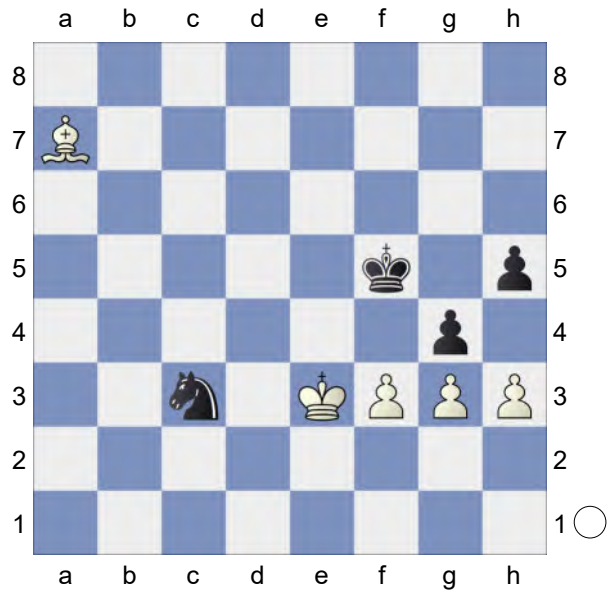


31.Bxa7 KB-KN **31...g5 32.f3 h5 33.Kf2 Kg6 34.Ke3** 0.80/26
[⌓34.g4 1.30/25]
34...Kf5 35.h3 g4



36.fxg4+ hxg4 37.h4 Ne4 38.Bb8 Nf6 39.Kd4 Ne4 40.Bc7 Nd2

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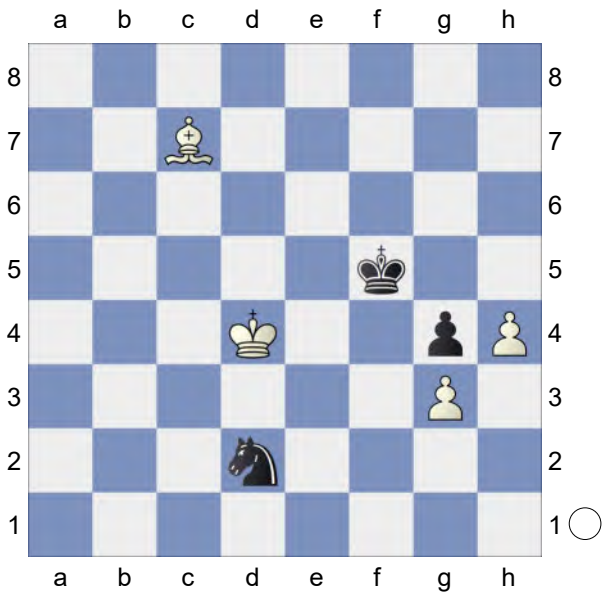

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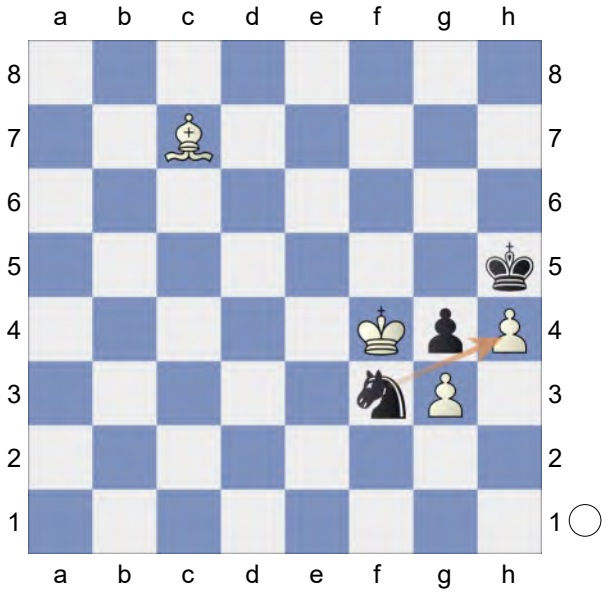

44.Bd8! Nh2

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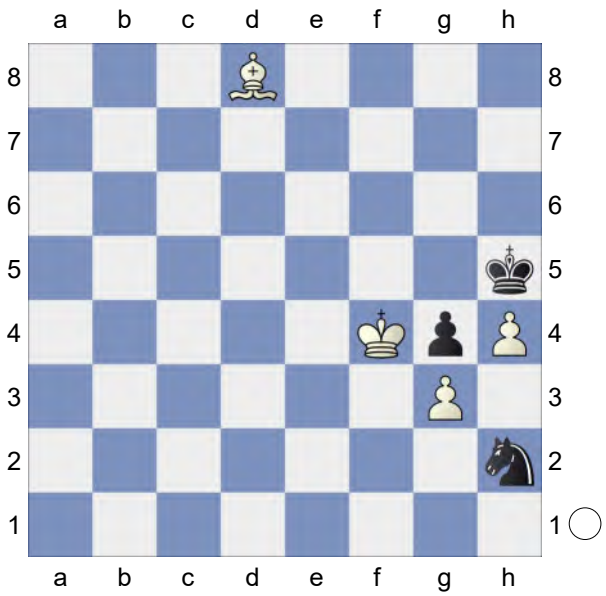

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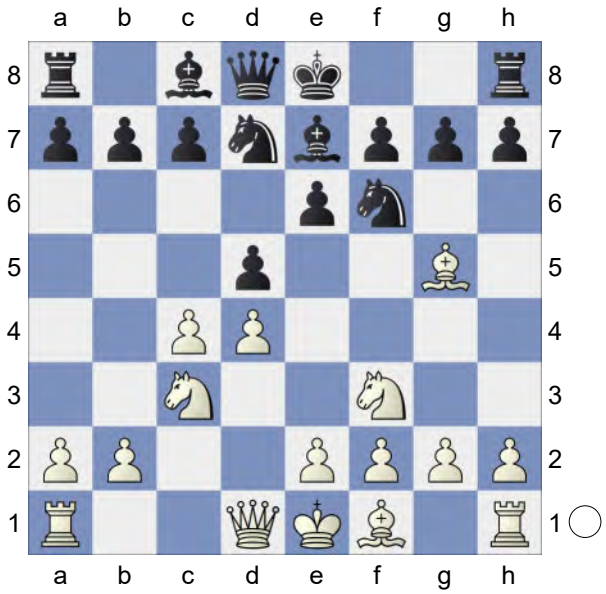
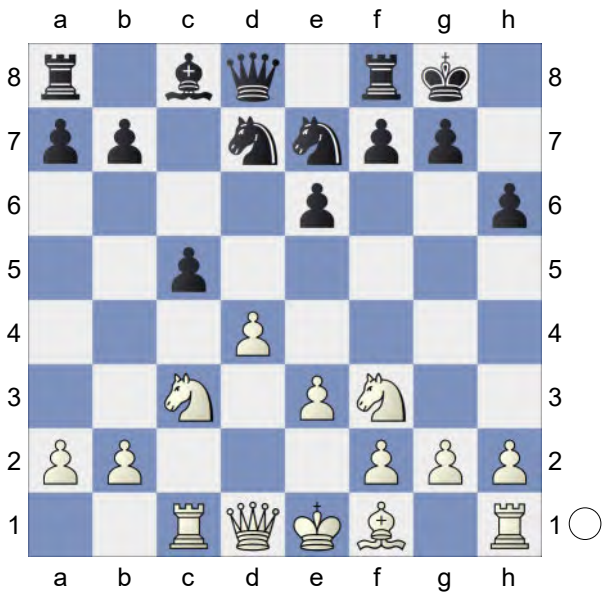
29 **D63**
□ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR.** **2729**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2739**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (6) 04.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D63: Queen's Gambit Declined: Classical: 7 Rc1 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7**
[4...dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 b4 *(10...Qc7 11.e4 b4 12.e5 bxc3 13.exf6 cxd4 14.Bxe6 0-0-0 15.Bh3 Bd6 16.Rxd4 Kb8 17.fxg7 Rhe8 18.Be3 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.bxc3 Bxg7 22.Rb1 Ka8 23.Bg4 Qd6 24.Bf3 Re7 25.Rd1* 1-0 Quintiliano Pinto,R (2509)-Rodi,L (2295) Caioba Rapid op 7th 2023 (5)) 11.Na4 Qb8 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Bc2 0-0 15.b3 a5 16.Bb2 Ba6 17.Qe1 Nfe4 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Rac1 1-0 Ernst,H (2719)-Gauger,W (2639) ch-Women Marsailles FRA 2001 (3.5)]
5.Bg5 Be7N
[5...c6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 b5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.f4 g6 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Bb1 0-0 17.Qd4 Rfc8 18.Rfd1 Rc7 19.b4 Na4 20.Rxc7 0-1 Becker,A-Boros,S DSV in der CSR-ch13 Meisterklasse Bad Liebwerda 1934 (5)]

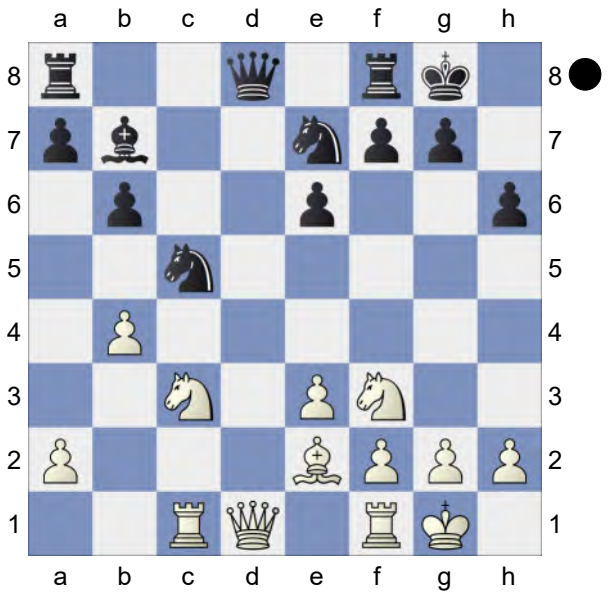


6.e3 0-0 7.Rc1 h6 8.Bh4 c5 9.cxd5
[9.dxc5 seems wilder. Nxc5 10.cxd5 g5 11.d6]
9...Nxd5 10.Bxe7 Nxe7

(Diagram)

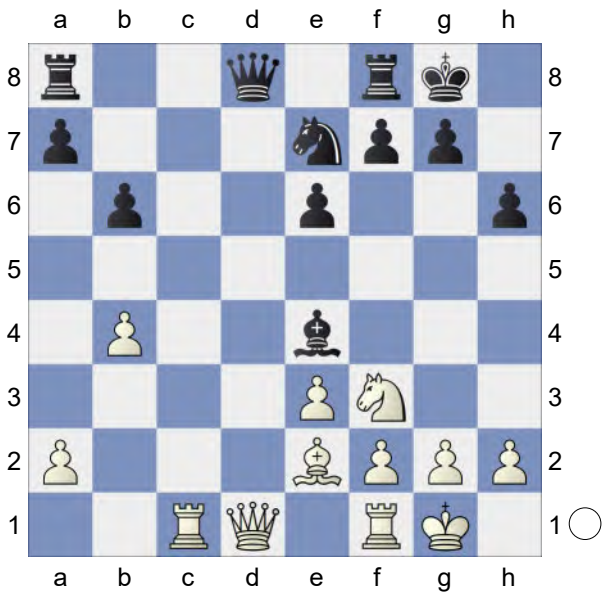


White has an edge. **11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.b4**

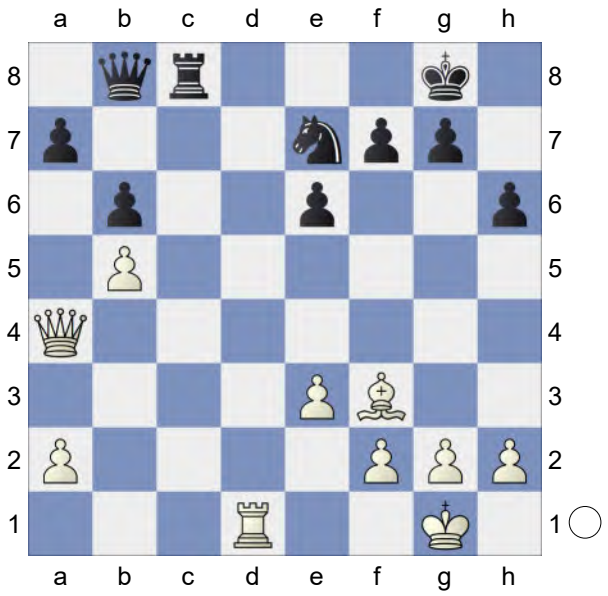


aiming for Qd1xd8. **14...Ne4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4**

(Diagram)

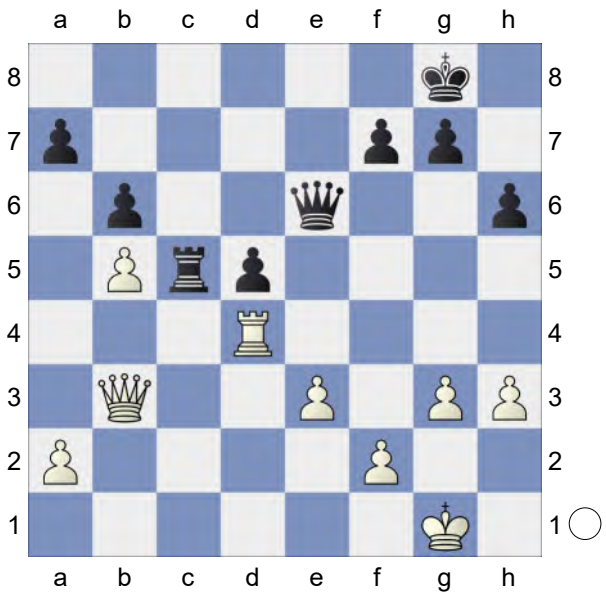


16.Qa4 Rc8 17.b5 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Qb8 20.Rd1 Rc8

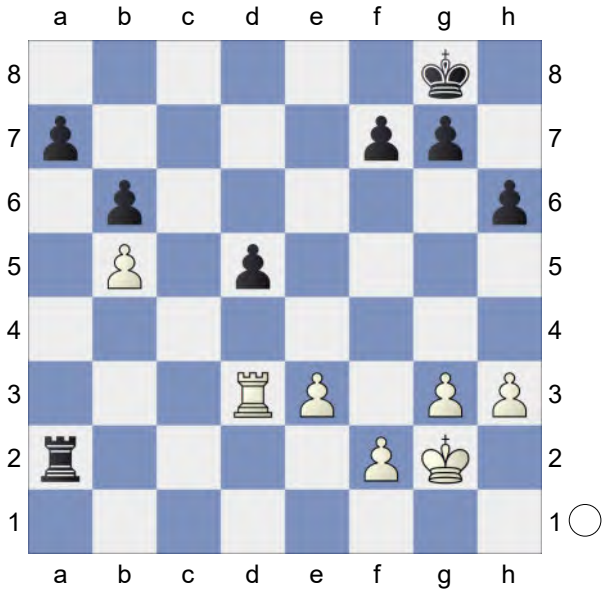


21.h3 Rc5 The position is equal. **22.g3 Nd5 23.Bxd5 exd5=** Endgame. KQR-KQR **24.Qb3 Qe5 25.Rd4 Qe6**

(Diagram)



26.Kh2 Rc4 27.Rd2 Qe4 28.Qd3 Qxd3 29.Rxd3 Rc2 30.Kg2 Rxa2



31.Rxd5 Kf8 32.Rd7

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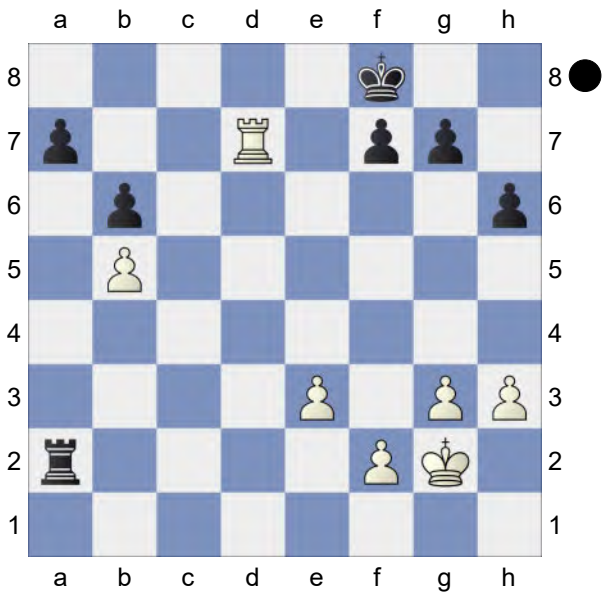

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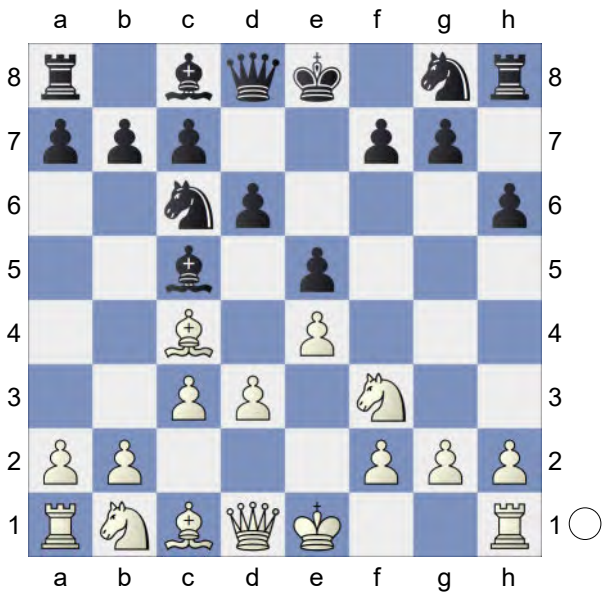
30 **C53**
□ **Shankland,S.** **2670**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2741**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (6) 04.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo Berliner Schacherinnerungen, 1859, S.55-56 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 d6 5.d3 h6**

(Diagram)

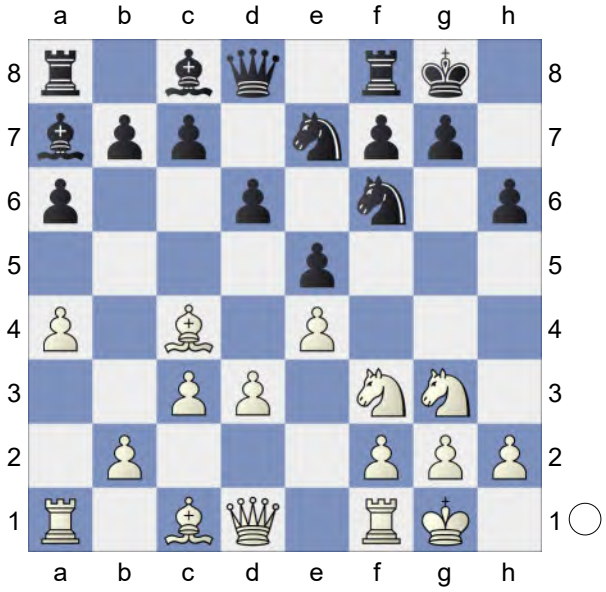


6.Nbd2N

[6.b4!? Bb6□ 7.0-0± *(7.Bb2 a6 8.Nbd2 Bg4 9.Qb3 Qe7 10.a4 Nf6 11.0-0 Be6 12.d4 exd4 13.cxd4 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 0-0 15.a5 Ba7 16.d5 Nb8 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nh4 c6 19.Nf5 Qe5 20.Nxh6+ Kh7 21.Nf5 Rg8* 1-0 Clausen,M-Pedersen,K (2398) Tingkaerskolen op-B 1997 (7) *)*]

[6.0-0 Bb6 7.a4 *(7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3* 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1)*)* 7...a5 *(7...a6 8.Be3 Nge7 9.Bxb6 cxb6 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Re1 Kh8 12.Bb3 f5 13.Ng5 Qe8 14.Ne6 Bxe6 15.Bxe6 Qg6 16.Bb3 Rad8 17.Nc4 fxe4 18.dxe4 d5 19.exd5 Nxd5 20.Qc2 Qg5 21.Qe4 Rf4 22.Nxe5* 1-0 Park,E (2375)-Moradiabadi,E (2515) US Masters op Charlotte 2024 (6)*)* 8.Nbd2 Nge7 9.Bb3 0-0 10.Re1 Kh8 11.Nc4 Ba7 12.Be3 Ng6 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.Ne3 Nh4 15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.g3 Qf6 17.f4 exf4 18.Rf1 Qg5 19.Rxf4 Bh3 20.Nd5 Ne5 1-0 So,W (2757)-Dubov, D (2707) Chess.com Classic Div 2 L Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (4.1)]

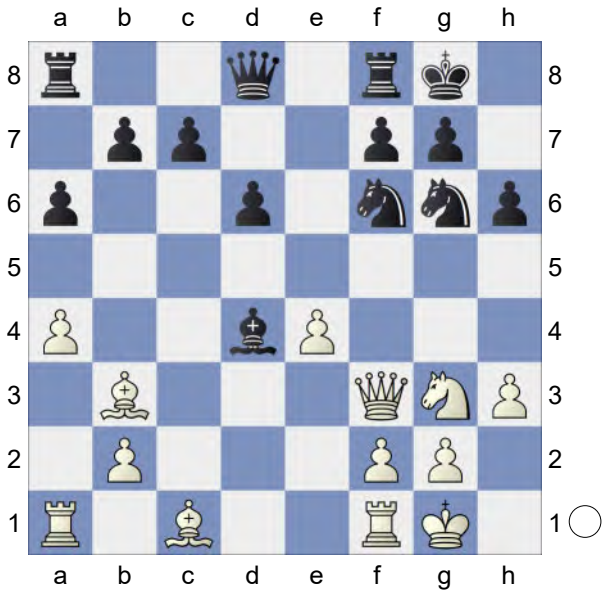
6...a6 7.Nf1 Nf6 8.Ng3 Ba7 9.a4 0-0 10.0-0 Ne7



11.Bb3 Ng6 12.d4 Bg4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3

[14.gxf3 simplifies exd4 15.cxd4 Nh4 16.Be3]

14...exd4 15.cxd4 Bxd4



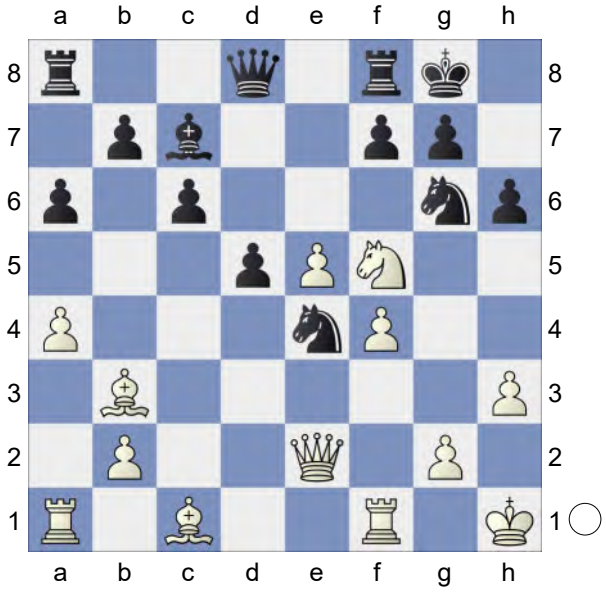
16.Nf5 Be5 17.Kh1 -0.37/17

[17.Qe3= 0.07/17 Bf4 18.Qc3]

17...c6 0.01/20

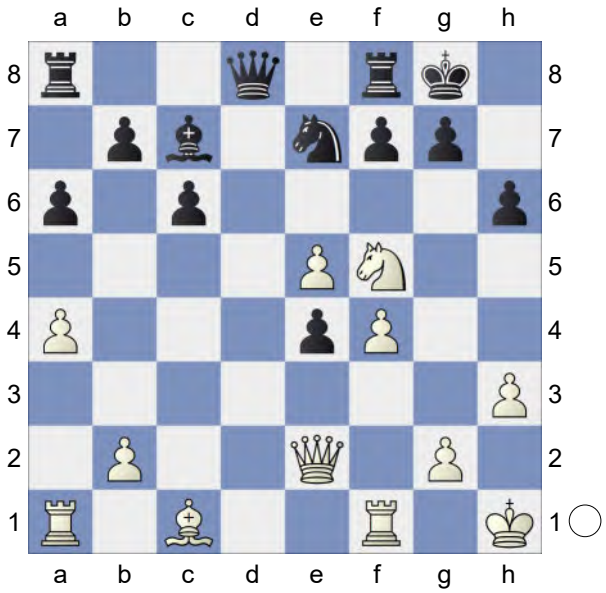
[17...Ne7∓ -0.37/17 is more appropriate.]

18.Qe2= With the idea f2-f4. **18...d5 19.f4 Bc7 20.e5 Ne4**



21.Bc2 Ne7½ Black is fighting back

22.Bxe4 dxe4



23.Nxh6+ gxh6 24.f5! aiming for Qe2-g4+. **24...Bxe5 25.Bxh6** Black must now prevent Ra1-e1! **25...Qd6**

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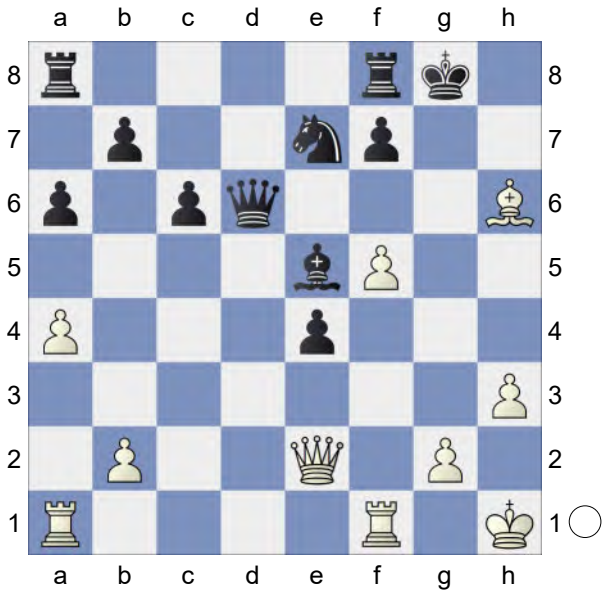
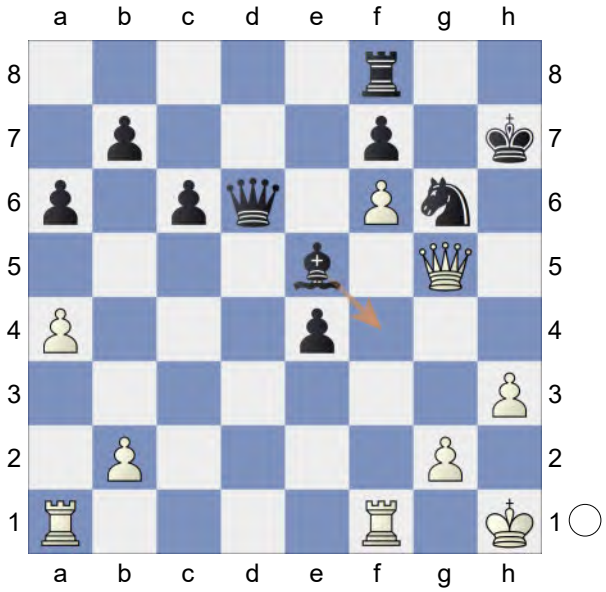


26.Qg4+ Kh7! 27.Bxf8 Rxf8 28.Qh4+! Kg7 And now ...Rf8-d8 would win.

29.Qg5+ Kh7! 30.f6 Ng6

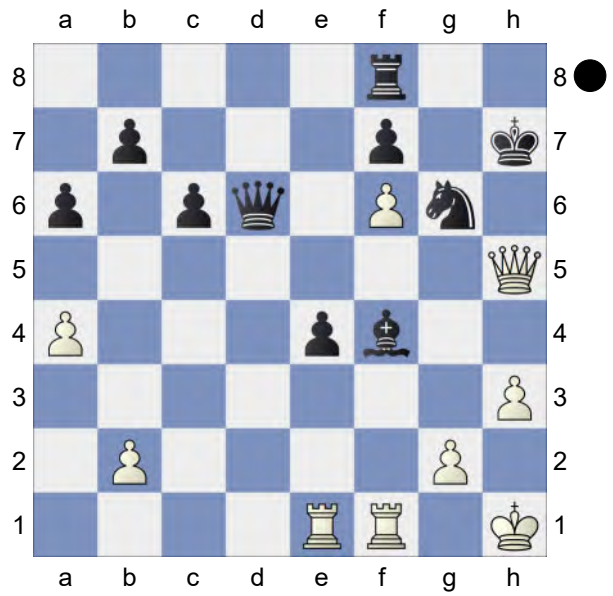


31.Rae1 Bf4!

[31...Bxb2? 32.Rxe4 Kg8 33.Rh4 Bxf6 34.Rxf6+-]

32.Qh5+

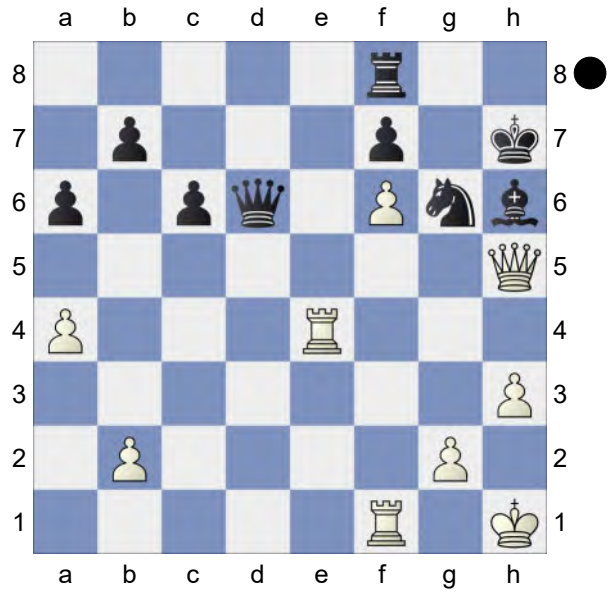
(Diagram)



Bh6!

[32...Kg8 33.Rxe4 Rd8 *(33...Qxf6? 34.Qg4+-)* 34.Rfxf4 Qd1+ *(34...Nxf4? 35.Qh6+-)* 35.Qxd1 Rxd1+ 36.Kh2 Nxf4 37.Rxf4±]

33.Rxe4



Qd3! 34.Rfe1 Qg3 35.Rd1 Qf2

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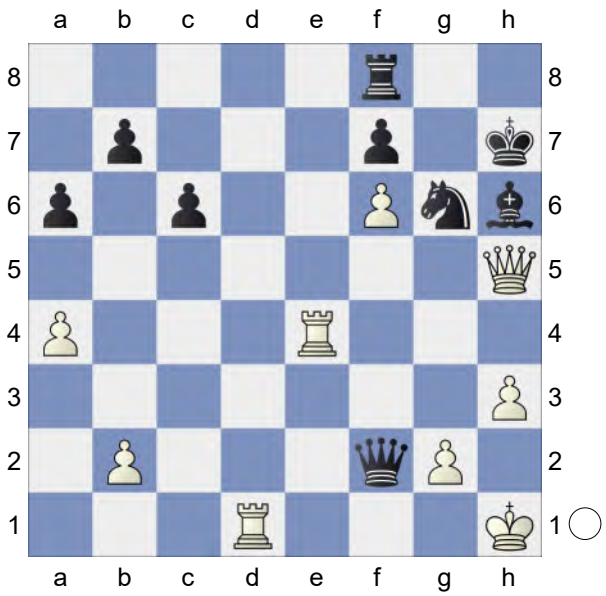


36.Qe2 Qxf6 37.Rf1 Qg5 -0.44/20

[37...Qd6∓ -1.14/20 38.h4 Bg7]

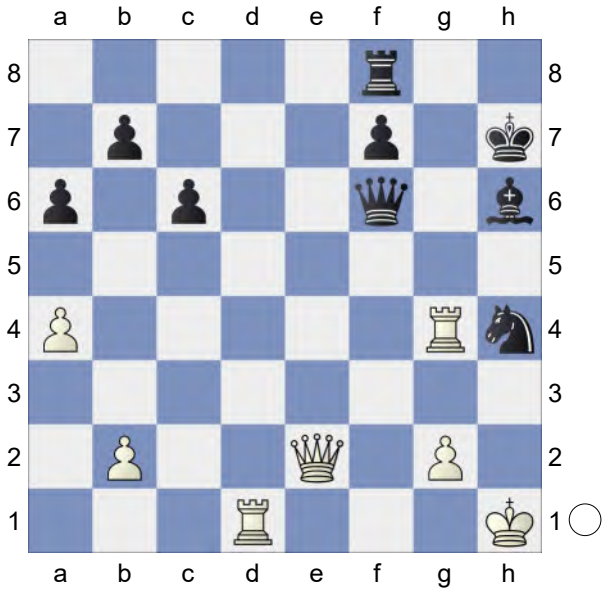
38.h4!∓ Nxh4 0.01/22

[38...Qg3∓ -0.69/23]

39.Rg4= The position is equal. **39...Qd8** ...Nh4-g6 is the strong threat. **40.Rd1!**

[40.Qc4 Ng6 41.Rxf7+ Bg7 42.Rxb7 Kh8-+]

40...Qf6



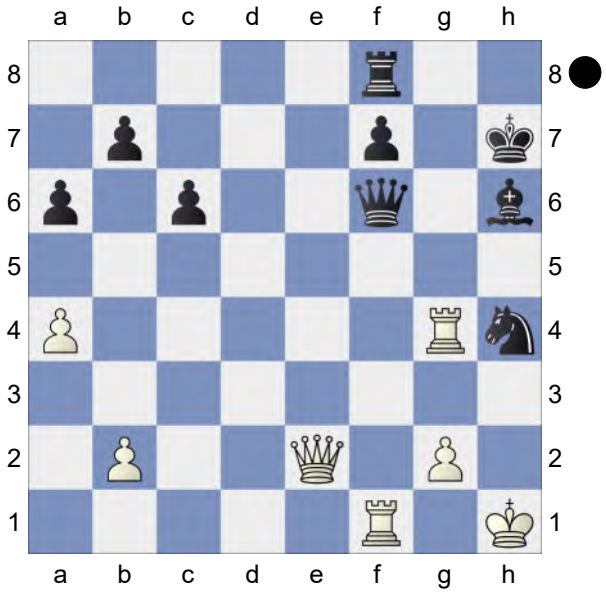
...Nh4-f5 would now be deadly. **41.Rf1 Qd8 42.Rd1!**

[42.Qc4 Ng6 43.Rxf7+ Bg7 44.Rxb7 Qd1+ 45.Kh2 Kh8 46.Rh4+ Nxh4

47.Qxh4+ Kg8 48.Rxg7+ Kxg7]

42...Qf6 Strongly threatening ...Nh4-f5.

43.Rf1!



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31 **C85**

□ **Gurel,Ediz** **2624**

■ **Nguyen,Thai Dai Van** **2668**

7th Prague Masters 2025 (7) 05.03.2025

[Kitty Kat]

C85: Closed Ruy Lopez: Deferred Exchange Variation **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7**

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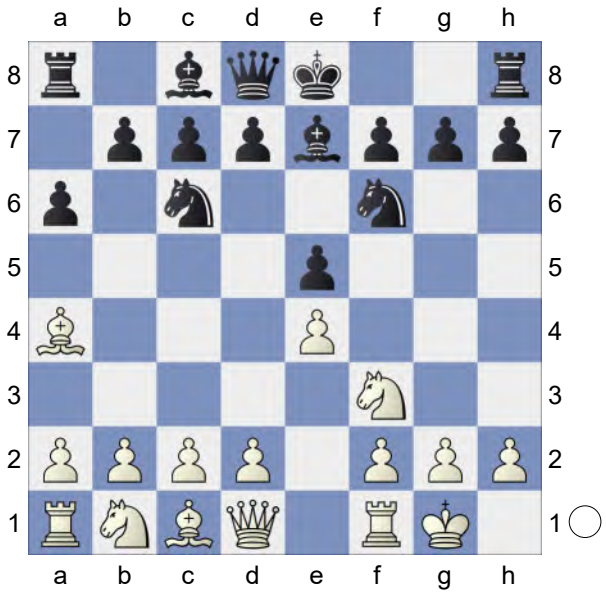

6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Nd7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Nc3N

[9.Nbd2 f6 10.Re1 Nc5 11.h3 Ne6 12.Nb3 a5 13.a4 c5 14.c3 b6 15.d4 cxd4 16.cxd4 Bb4 17.Re2 exd4 18.Nfxd4 c5 19.Nb5 Ba6 20.Qd5 Qxd5 21.exd5 Bxb5 22.axb5 Nc7 23.Rd1 Rad8 0-1 15 Re1 Black stops e3-e4 (2159)-Stavrianakis,I (2369) 35/527 Plovdiv 1983 (8) 24.d6 Nxb5 25.Bf4 Rf7 26.Rd5 Rfd7 27.Nd2 Nd4 28.Re7 Bxd2 29.Bxd2 Rxd6 30.Re8+ Rxe8 31.Rxd6 Re6 32.Rd7 Kf8 33.Rb7 Rc6 34.Kf1 Nf5 35.Bf4 Nd6 36.Rd7 Nc4 37.b3 Ne5 38.Rb7 h5 0-1 Mossong,H (2159)-Sonntag,H (2369) Luxembourg-chT 1415 2014 (8)]

9...Re8 **10.a4** The position is equal.

10...b6

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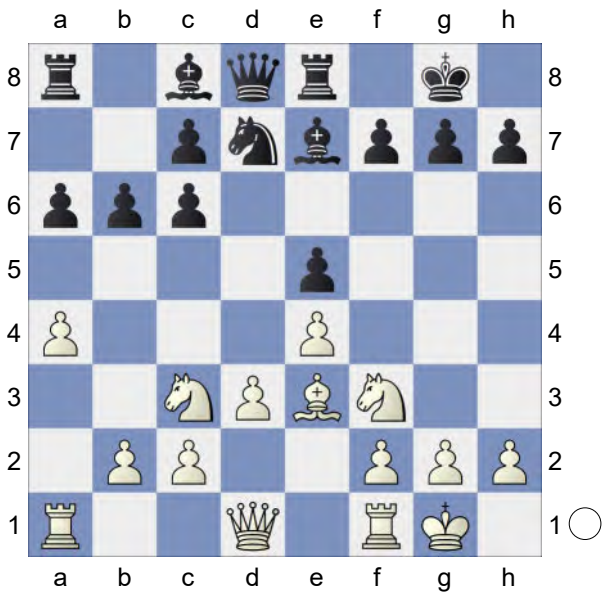


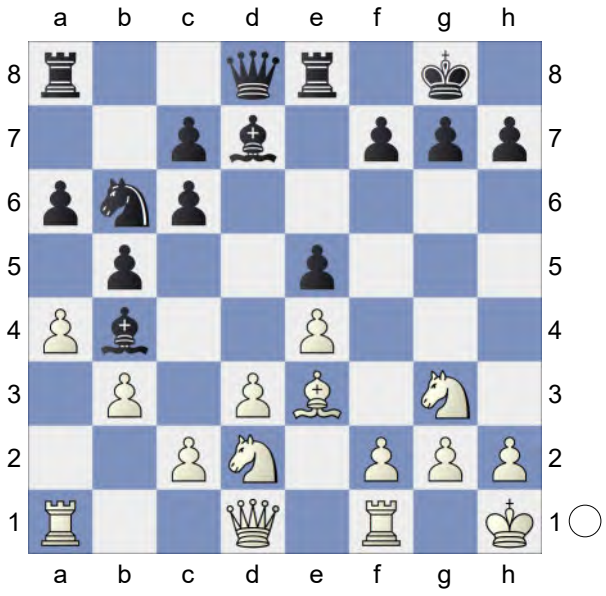
11.Ne2 b5 12.Ng3 Bf8 13.Kh1 Nb6 14.b3 Bd7 0.21/20

[⌓14...a5 -0.16/18]

15.Nd2 -0.18/18

[⌓15.a5 0.21/20]

15...Bb4



16.f4 exf4 17.Bxf4 Bc3

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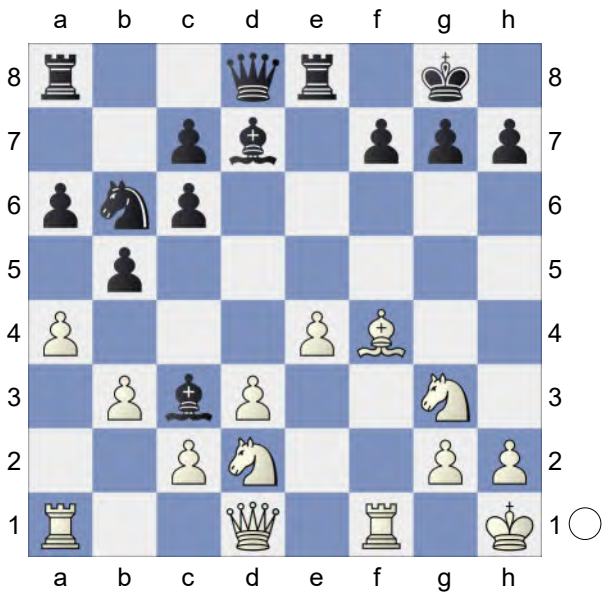
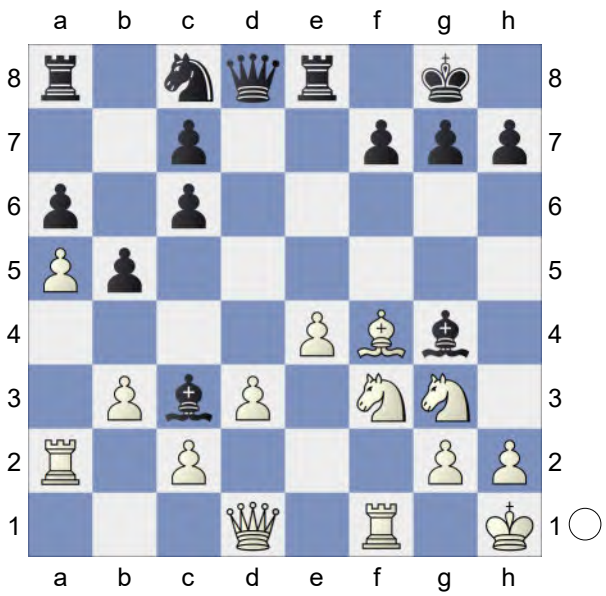


18.a5! Nc8 19.Ra2 Be6 20.Nf3 Bg4 0.55/21

[20...Ne7= 0.13/19]



21.h3± Bxf3 22.Qxf3 Qd7 23.Ne2 Bb4 24.c3 Bf8 25.Bg3 f6

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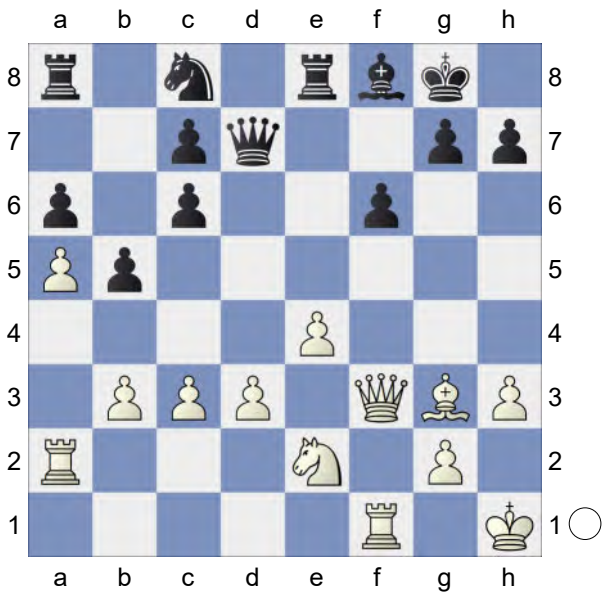
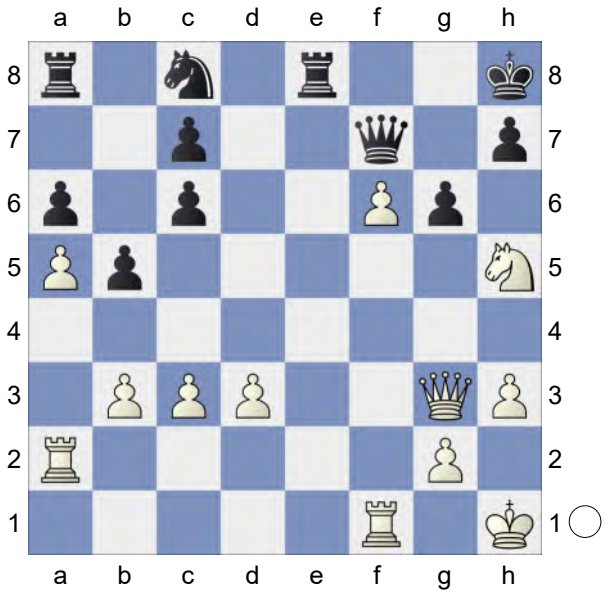
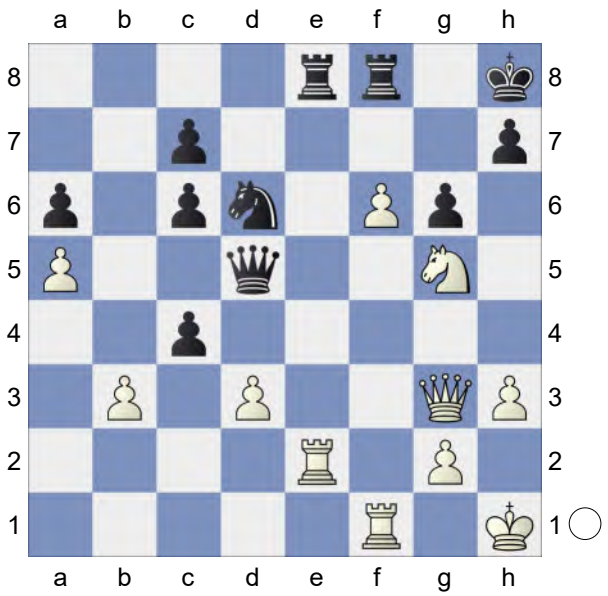


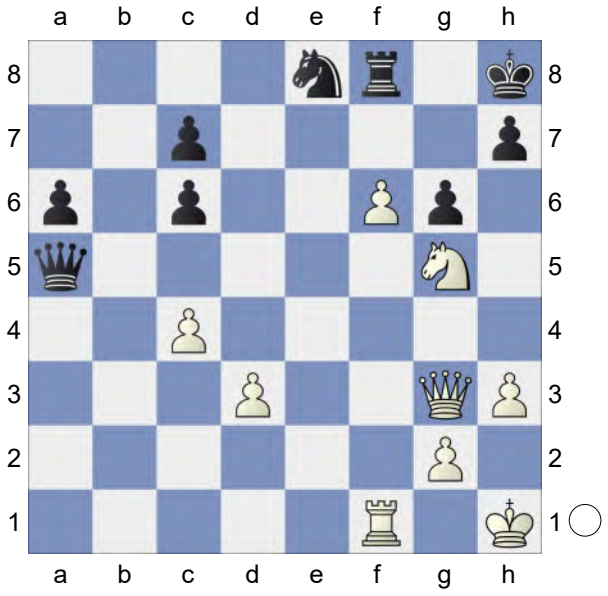
26.Nf4 Bd6 27.Nh5 Bxg3 3.03/22
Loses the game.
[27...Qe6± 0.60/20]
28.Qxg3+-
[28.Nxg3 Nd6±]
28...Kh8 29.e5 Qf7 4.29/23
[29...Rxe5? too greedy. 30.Qxe5 Qe7 31.Qxe7 Nxe7 32.Re2+-]
[⌓29...f5 2.84/22 30.Raf2 *(30.Rxf5 g6+-)* 30...g6]
30.exf6 g6



31.Ng7 Rf8 32.Re2 Nd6 33.Ne6 Rae8 34.Ng5 Qd5 35.c4 bxc4

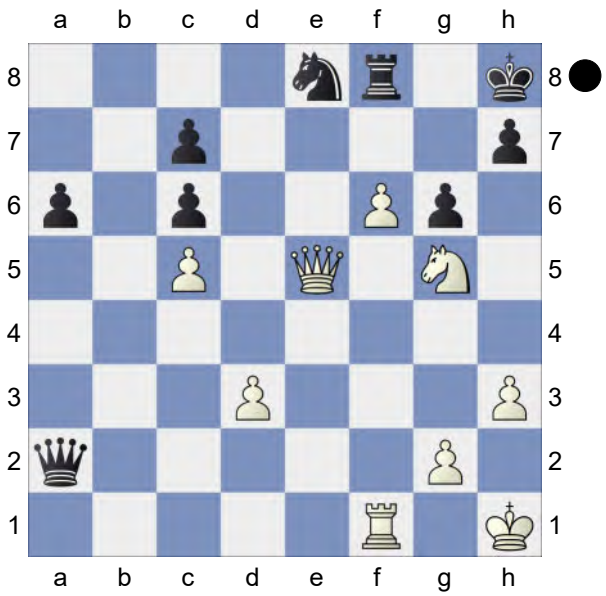


36.bxc4 Re2xe8 would kill now.
36...Qxa5 37.Rxe8 Nxe8



38.c5! White threatens Qg3-e5 and mate. **38...Qa2**
[38...Qc3 39.f7]
39.Qe5

(Diagram)



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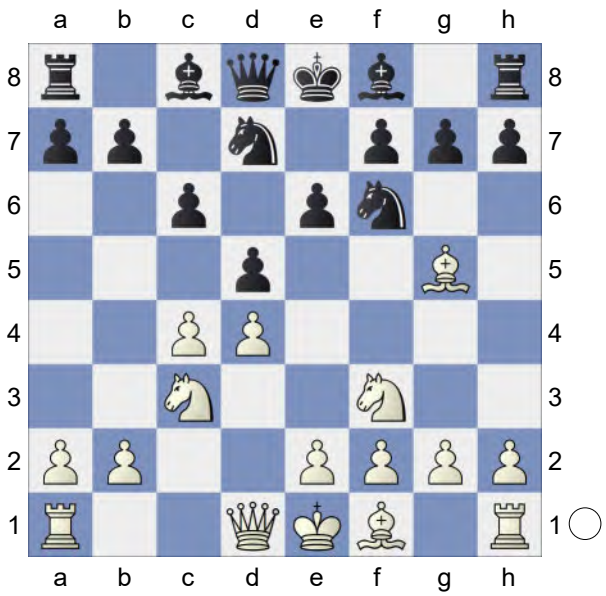
32 **D52**
□ **Navara,D.** **2677**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2731**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (7) 05.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

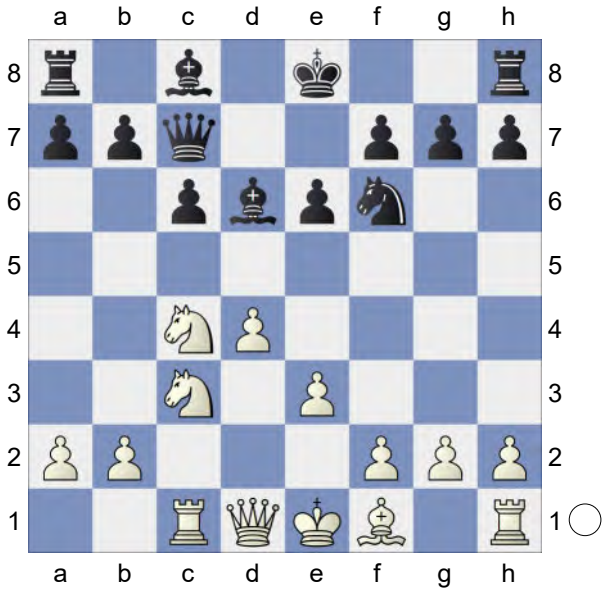
(Diagram)



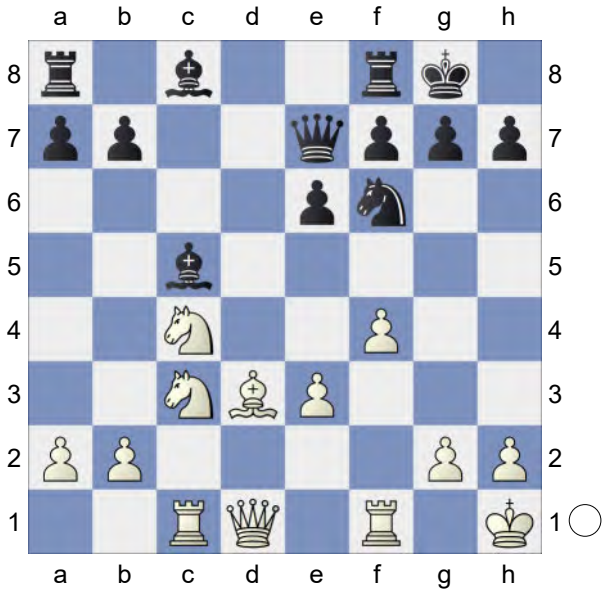
6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 ♘d7 10. d4_242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 Sao Paulo 2022 (7)]
7.Nd2N
[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 1 Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8

31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 7 Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Game 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial Tallinn/ Parnu 1998 (9)]

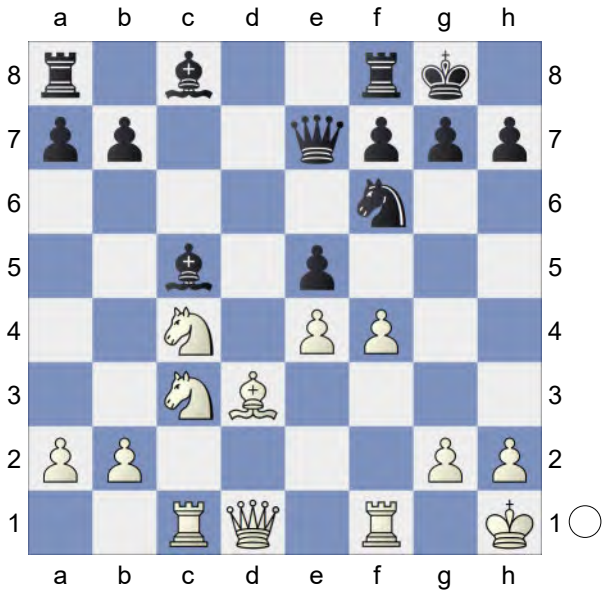
7...dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Bd6



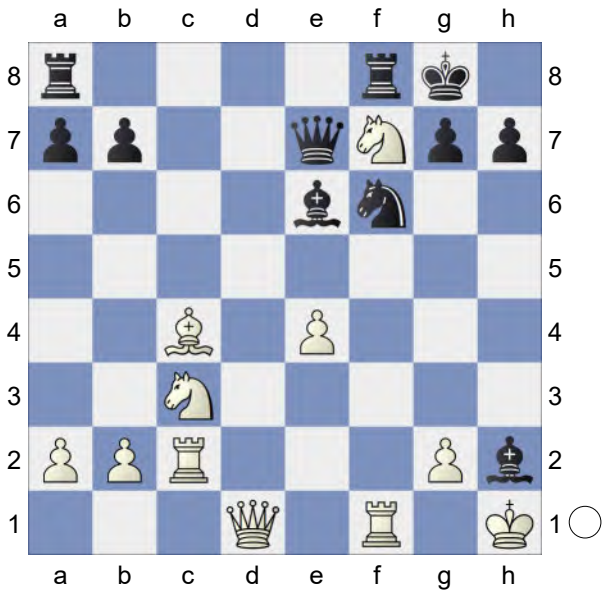
11.f4 0-0 12.Bd3 Be7 13.0-0 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Kh1 Qe7



16.e4 e5



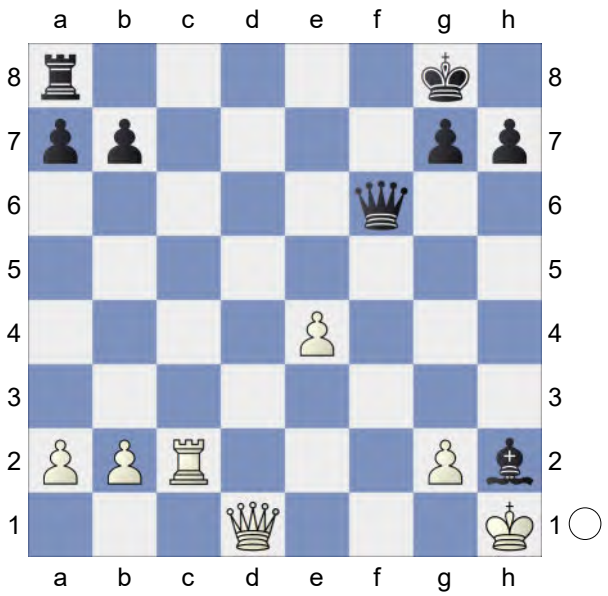
Deflection **17.Nxe5 Be3! 18.Rc2 Bxf4!** Remove Defender. A strong pair of Bishops. **19.Nxf7 Bxh2 20.Bc4 Be6**



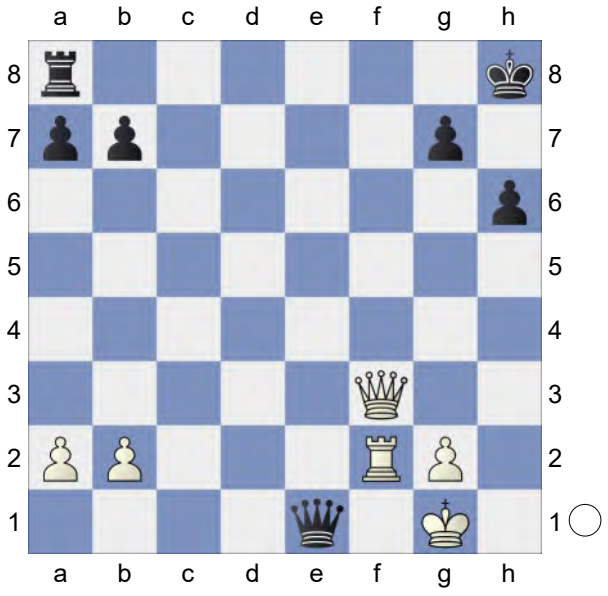
21.Bxe6 Qxe6 22.Ng5 Qg4 23.Nd5 Qxg5 24.Nxf6+ Rxf6 25.Rxf6 Qxf6

[25...Bg3 is interesting. 26.Rf5 Rd8 27.Rd5 Qh4+]

(Diagram)

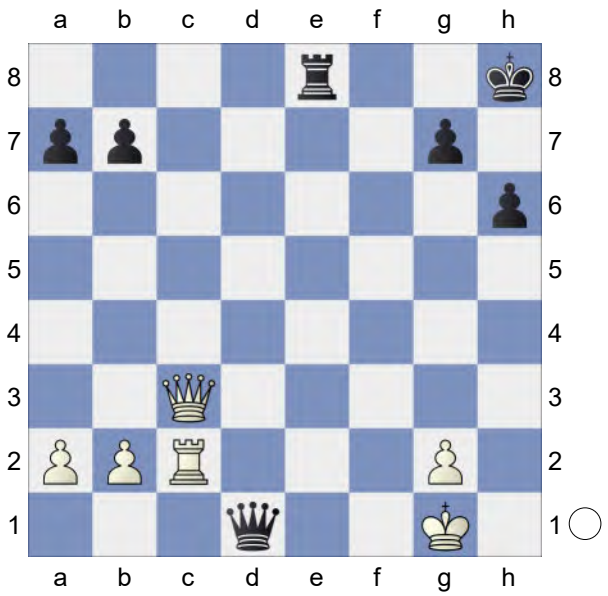


26.Kxh2∓ Endgame. KQR-KQR
26...Qh4+ 27.Kg1 Qxe4 28.Rf2 h6 29.Qb3+ Kh8 30.Qf3 Qe1+

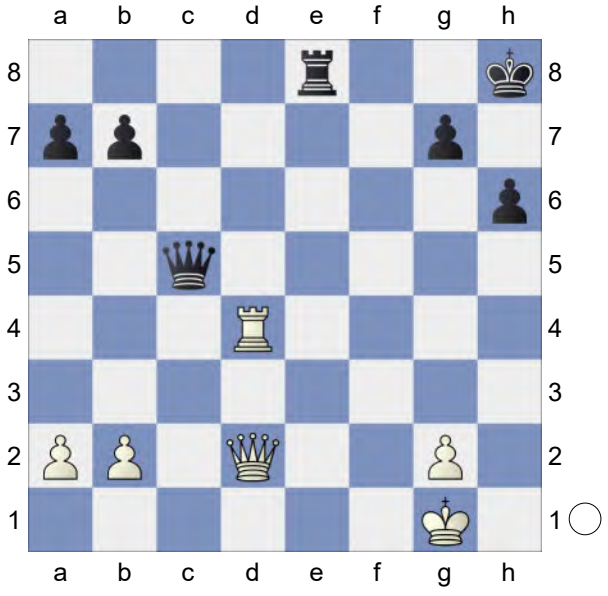


31.Kh2 Re8 32.Qg3 Qb4 Repels Rf2-f8+ **33.Rc2 Qd4 34.Qc3 Qd6+ 35.Kg1 Qd1+**

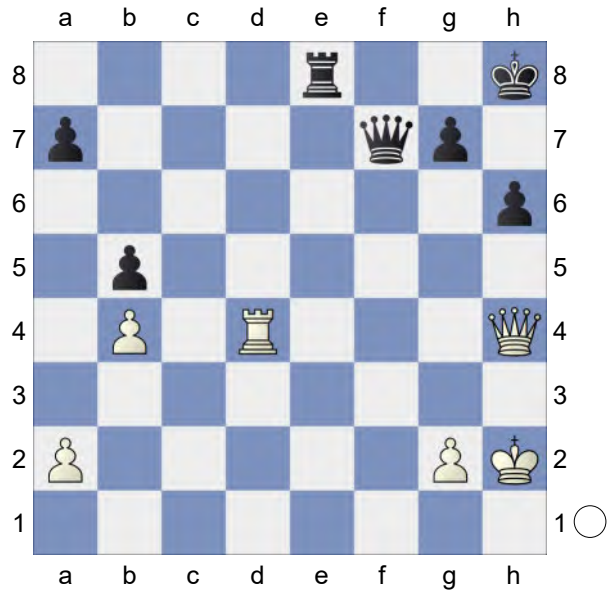
(Diagram)



36.Kh2 Qd5 37.Rd2 Qf7
[Resist 37...Qxa2 38.Rd7 Qg8 39.Rxb7=]
38.Rd4 Qf5
[Much weaker is 38...Qxa2?! 39.Rd7 Qg8 40.Rxb7=]
39.Qd2 Qh5+ 40.Kg1 Qc5



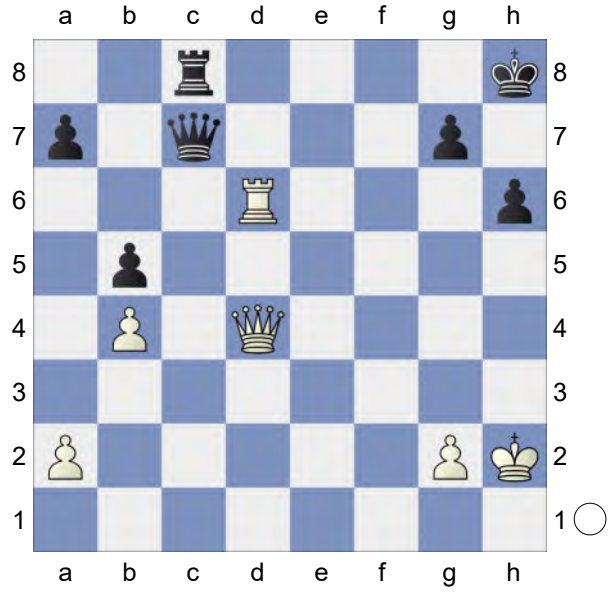
41.b4 Qe7 42.Qf2 -1.09/20
[42.a4∓ -0.65/19]
42...b5 43.Kh2 Qe5+ 44.Qf4 Qh5+ 45.Qh4 Qf7
[45...Qxh4+ simplifies 46.Rxh4 Kh7 47.Rh3 a6]



46.Rd6 Qc7 47.Qg3 Qe7 48.Qf4 Rc8 0.01/25

[48...Rd8∓ -0.72/22 49.Rxd8+ Qxd8]

49.Qd4= The position is equal. **49...Qc7**



And now ...Rc8-d8 would win. **50.Qe5 Kg8**

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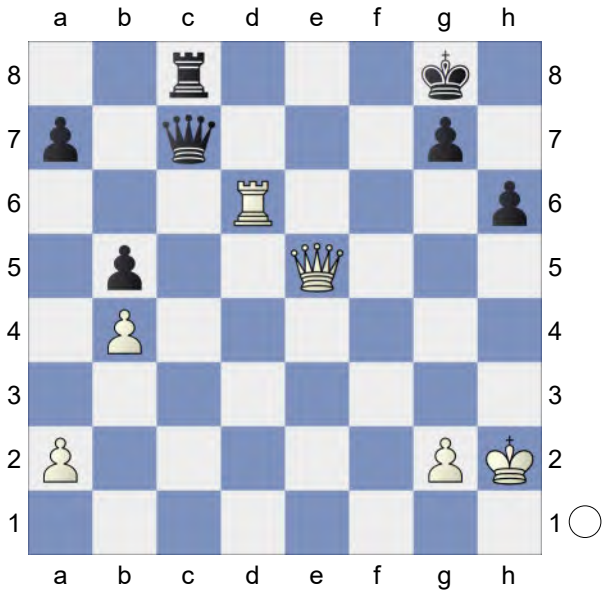
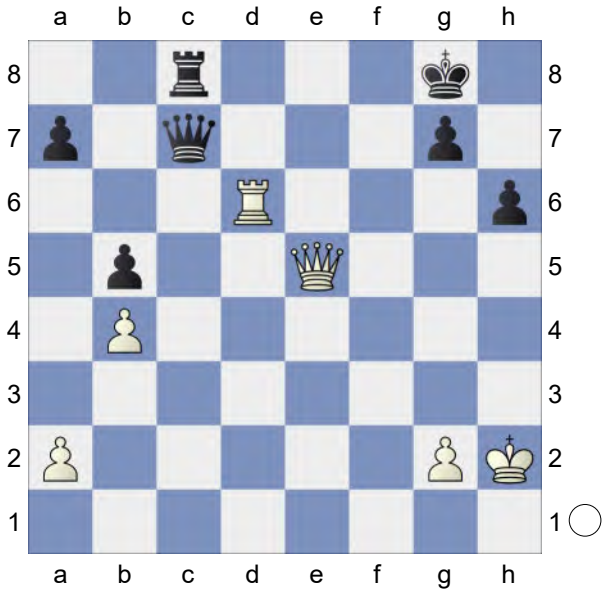


51.Qe6+ Kh7 ...Rc8-d8 would now be deadly. **52.Qf5+ Kh8 53.Qe5 Kg8**



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33 **B84**
□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2739**
■ **Shankland,S.** **2670**
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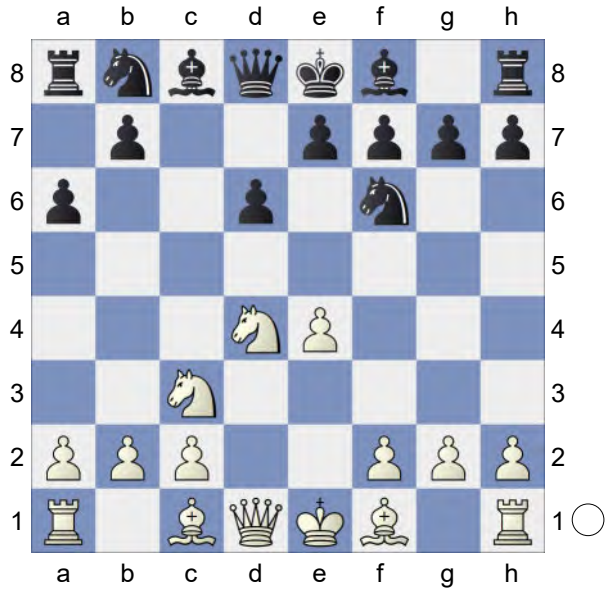
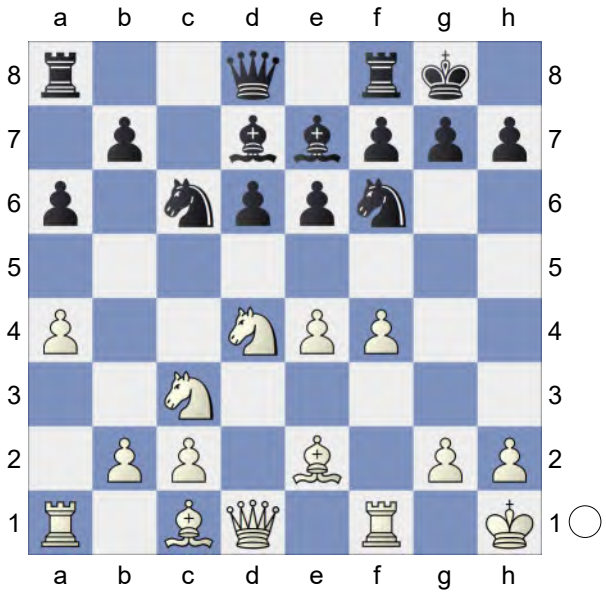
[Kitty Kat]

B84: Sicilian Scheveningen: 6 Be2 a6, lines without early Be3 Cebalo,M: 'Inf 45/278' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6**

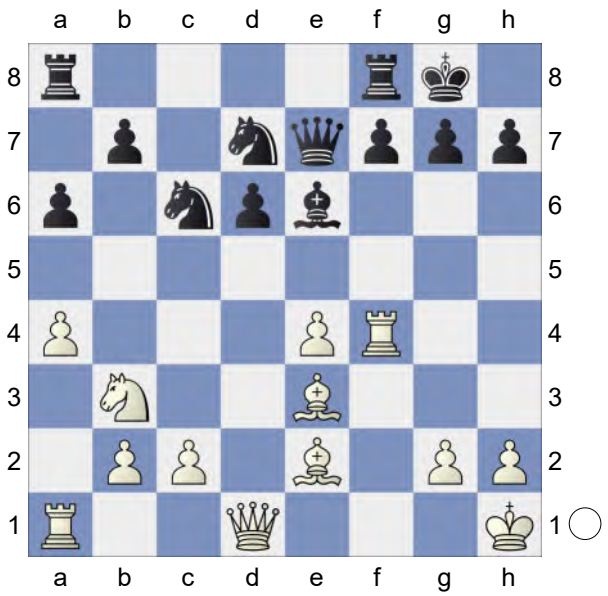


6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.f4 0-0 9.Kh1 Nc6 10.a4 Bd7N
[10...Qc7 11.Be3 Re8 12.Bf3 *(12.Bd3 Nb4 13.a5 Bd7 14.Nb3 Bc6 15.Qe2 Rac8 16.Bb6 Qb8 17.Na4 Nxd3 18.cxd3 e5 19.Be3 Nd7 20.Nc3 Qc7 21.Nd2 exf4 22.Bxf4 Ne5 23.d4 Ng6 24.Be3 Bf8 25.Rf3 f6 26.Rh3 Bd7* 0-1 Artemiev,V (2535)-Menges,A (2550) 1943 Madrid (15)*)* 12...Rb8 13.g4 *(13.Qd2 Bd7 14.Nb3 b6 15.g4 Bc8 16.g5 Nd7 17.Bg2 Bf8 18.Rf3 g6 19.Rh3 Bb7 20.Qf2 Bg7 21.f5 Bxc3 22.bxc3 exf5 23.exf5 Nce5 24.Bd4 Bxg2+ 25.Kxg2 Qc6+ 26.Kg1 Nf8 27.Rf1 Rb7* ½-½ Huebner,R (2595)-Hjartarson,J (2590) 45/278 München 1988 *)* 13...Nxd4 14.Bxd4 e5 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Ba7 Ra8 17.g5 Rd8 18.Qe2 Ne8 19.Be3 Be6 20.Bg4 Nd6 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.g6 hxg6 23.Qg4 Qc4 24.b3 Qxc3 25.Qxe6+ ½-½ David,A (2520)-Pelletier,Y (2478) Bundesliga 9900 Germany 1999 (9.4) Kh7 26.Qh3+ Kg8 ½-½ David,A (2570)-Valsecchi,A (2501) Italian Championship, Cosenza 2017 (3.2)]

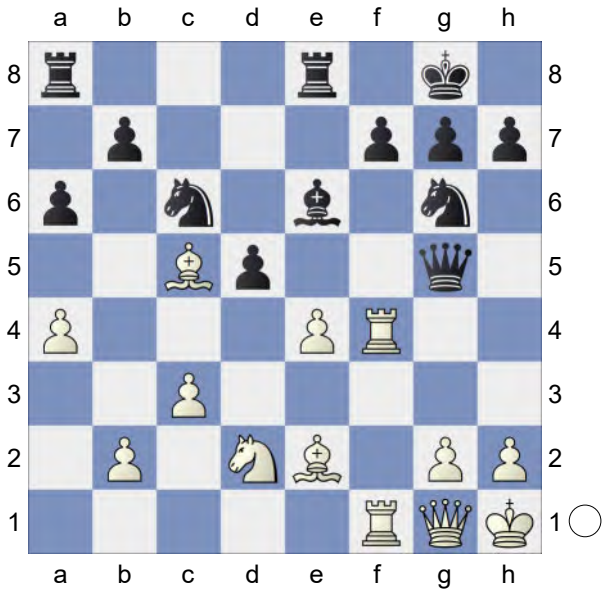


11.Nb3 e5 12.Be3 exf4 13.Rxf4 Be6 14.Nd5 Nd7 The position is equal.
15.Nxe7+ Qxe7

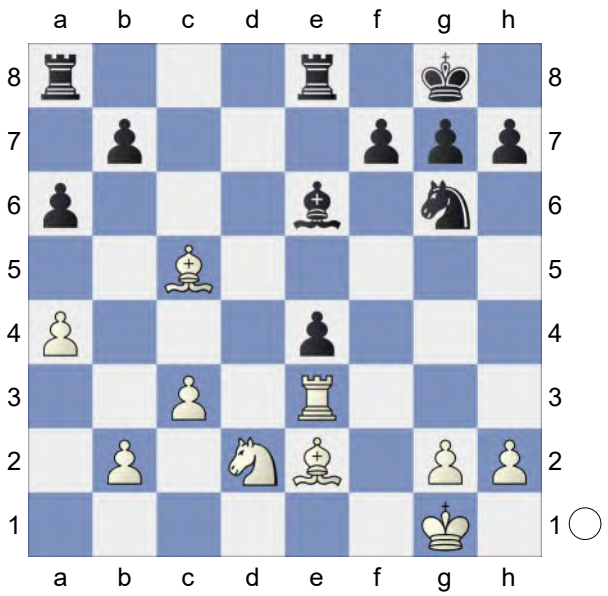
(Diagram)



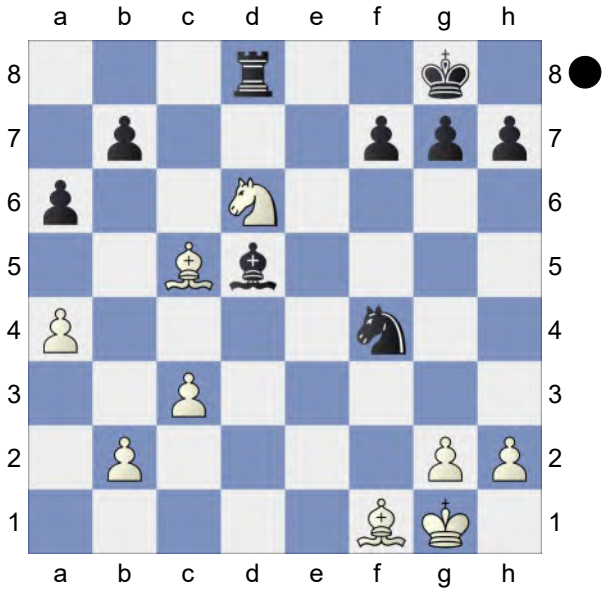
16.Nd2 -0.17/17
[16.Nd4± 0.36/19]
16...d5 17.Qg1 Rfe8 18.Raf1 Nde5 19.c3 Ng6 20.Bc5 -1.77/19 White is now going downhill.
[White should try 20.R4f3∓ -0.67/20]
20...Qg5-+



Pin **21.Qe3 Nxf4 22.Rxf4 Ne5 23.Kg1** -2.31/21
[23.Nf3 -1.72/20 was called for. Nxf3 24.Bxf3 dxe4 25.h4]
23...Ng6 24.Rf3 Qxe3+ 25.Rxe3 dxe4
(Diagram)



26.Nxe4 Bd5 27.Nd6 Rxe3 28.Bxe3 A strong pair of Bishops. **28...Rd8 29.Bc5 Nf4 30.Bf1**



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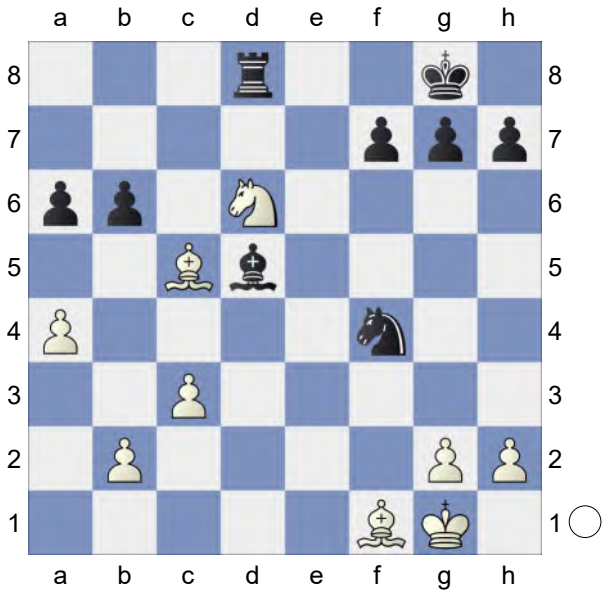
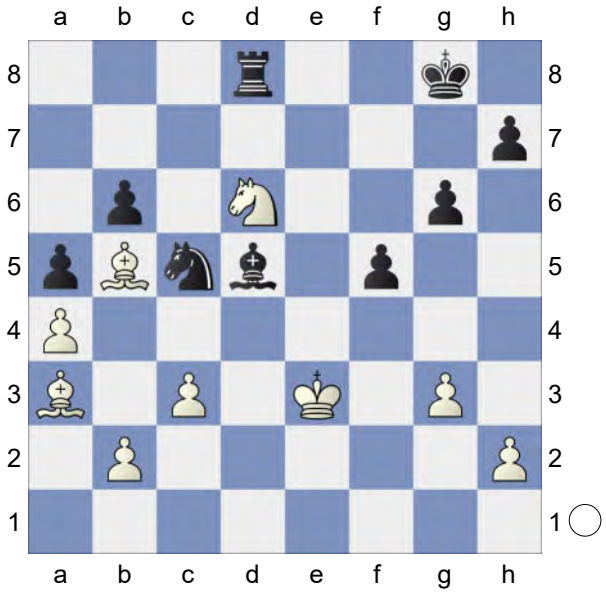
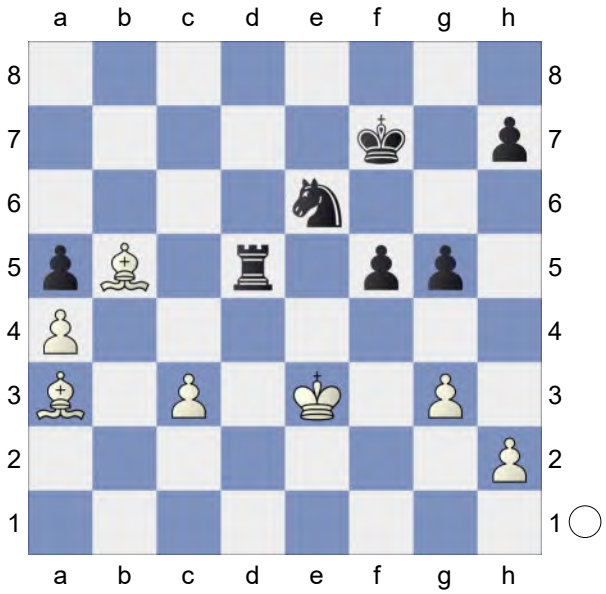


31.Ba3 a5 32.Kf2 g6 33.g3 Ne6 34.Bb5 f5 35.Ke3 Nc5

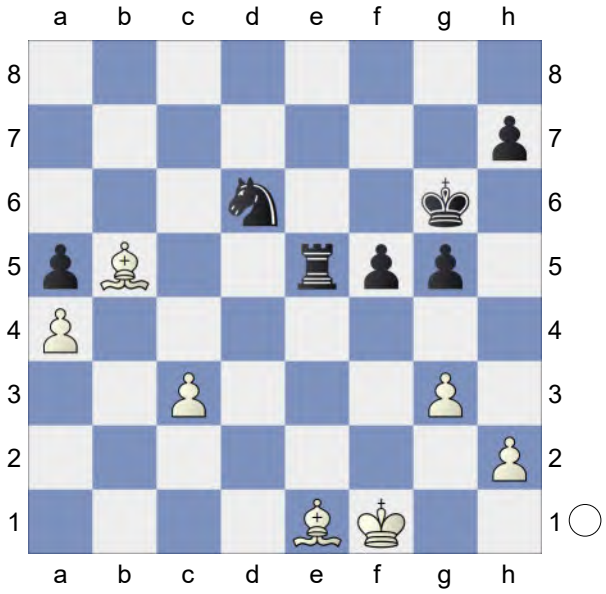


36.Ne8 Kf7 Wards off Ne8-f6 **37.Nc7 Ne6 38.Nxd5 Rxd5** Endgame. KRN-KB **39.b4 g5 40.bxa5 bxa5**

(Diagram)

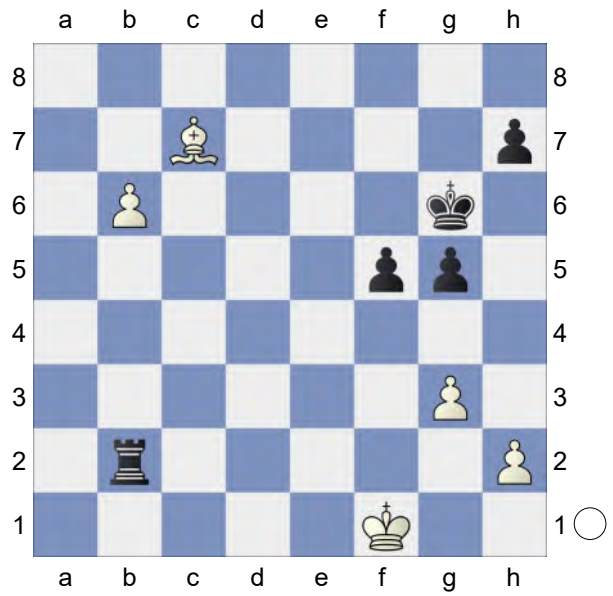


41.Ke2 Re5+ 42.Kf1 Nc5 43.Bc1 Kg6 44.Bd2 Ne4 45.Be1 Nd6



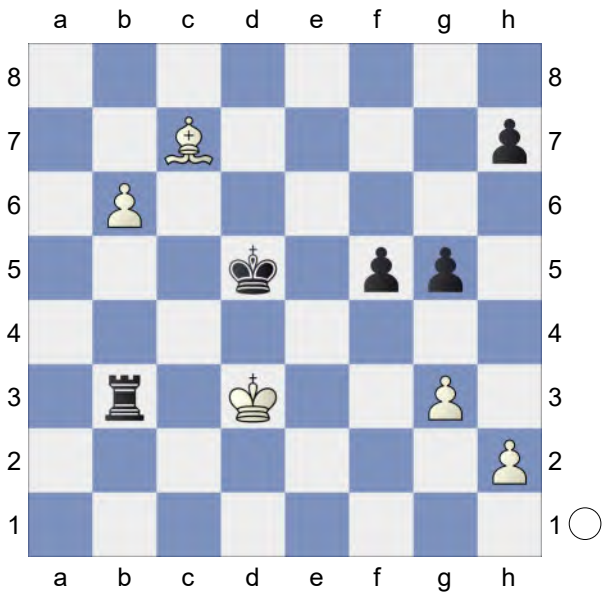
46.c4 Re4 aiming for ...Nd6xb5. **47.Bxa5 Nxb5** Remove Defender
[47...Nxc4 48.Bc7-+]
48.cxb5 Rxa4 KR-KB **49.Bc7 Rb4 50.b6 Rb2**

(Diagram)

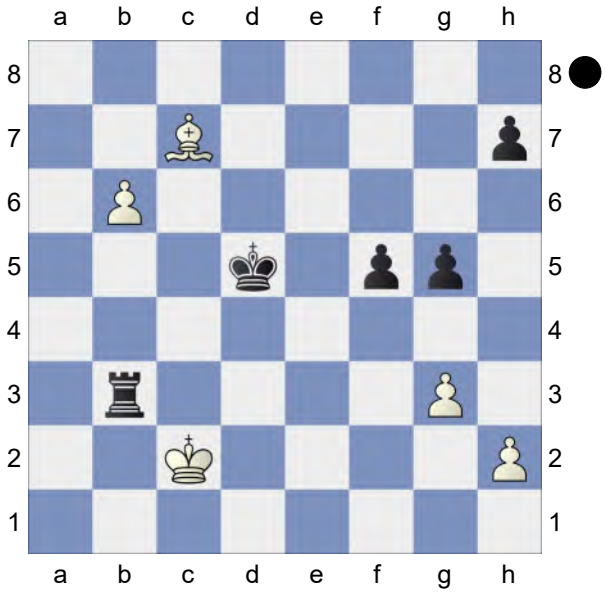


51.Ke1 Kf7
[51...Rxh2 52.b7 Rb2 *(52...Rh1+ 53.Ke2=)* 53.b8Q *(53.b8B Rb4∓; 53.b8R Rxb8 54.Bxb8 Kh5=)* 53...Rxb8 54.Bxb8=]
52.Kd1? -5.64/29
[52.Bd8 -3.06/25]
52...Ke6 Black is clearly winning.
[And not 52...Rxh2 53.b7 Rb2 *(53...Rh1+? 54.Kc2+-)* 54.b8Q *(54.b8B Rb5∓; 54.b8R Rxb8 55.Bxb8 h5=)* 54...Rxb8 55.Bxb8=]
53.Kc1 Rb5
[53...Rxh2? 54.b7+-]
54.Kd2 Kd5 Hoping for ...Kd5-e4.
55.Kd3 Rb3+

(Diagram)



56.Kc2



Kc4 57.Kd2 Kd4 58.Kc2 Rb5 59.Kd2 Ke4 60.Kc3 f4

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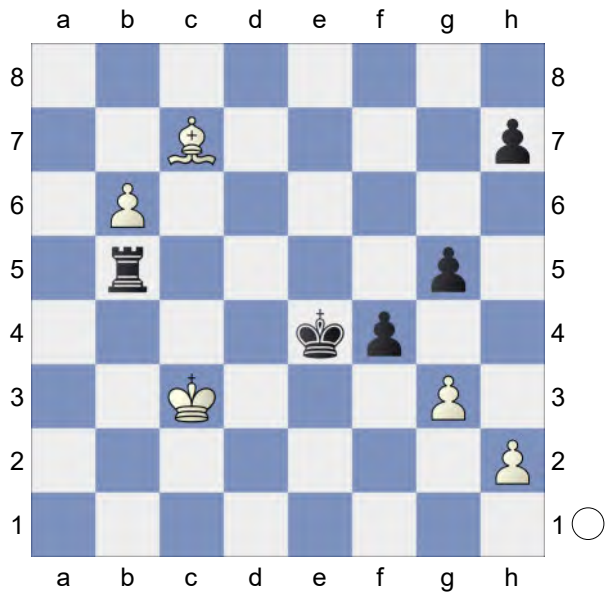
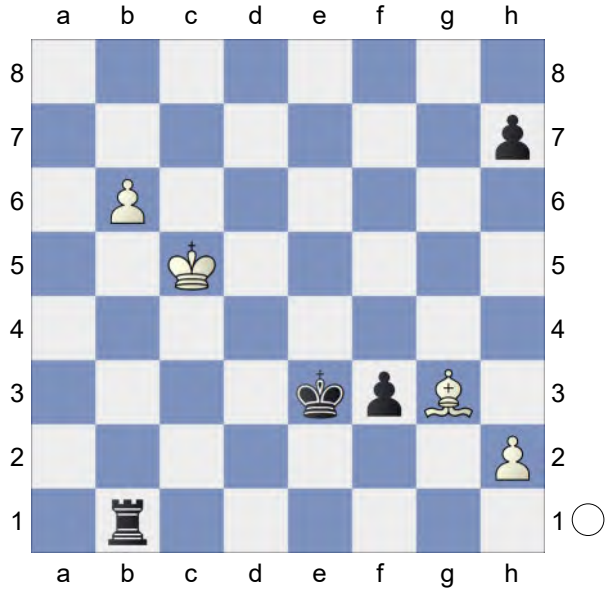


Threatens to win with ...f4-f3. **61.gxf4 gxf4 62.Kc4 Rb1**

[Stronger than 62...f3 63.Kxb5 f2 64.b7 f1Q+ *(64...f1B+? loses. 65.Kb4+-)* 65.Kc5 Qf2+ 66.Kc6 Qc2+ 67.Kd7 Qa4+ 68.Kd8 Qd4+ 69.Ke8 Qa4+ 70.Kd8 Qd4+ 71.Ke8 Qa4+ 72.Kd8=]

63.Kc5 f3 64.Bg3 Repels f3-f2

64...Ke3



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34 **D31**

□ **Giri,A.** **2728**

■ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR.** **2729**

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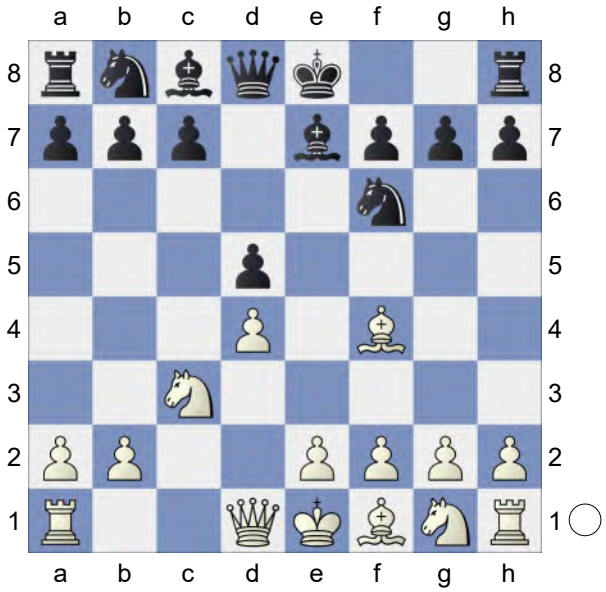
[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 Nf6**

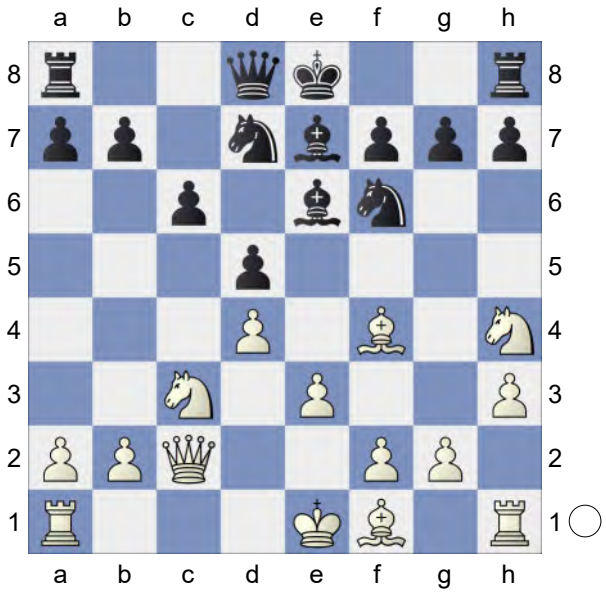


6.e3 Bf5 7.Nf3N

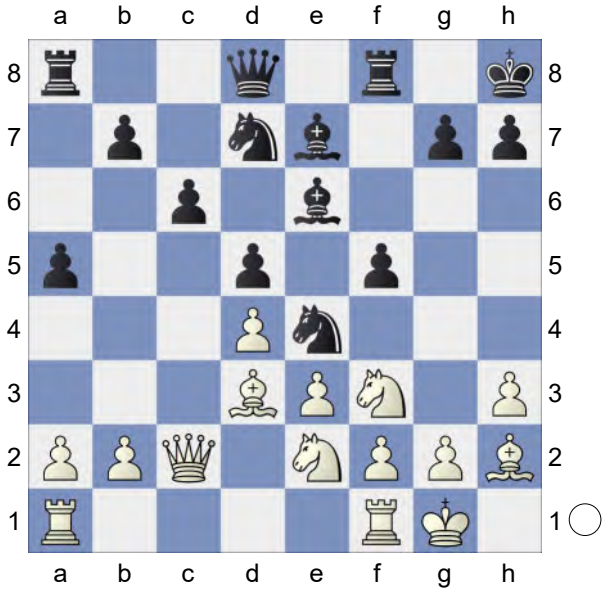
[7.Nge2 c6 8.Ng3 Bg6 *(8...Be6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qc2 h6 12.h3 Ne8 13.Nge2 Bd6 14.Rab1 Qe7 15.Na4 Nb6 16.Nc5 Bc8 17.Rfe1 Bxf4 18.Nxf4 Nd6 19.b3 Qf6 20.f3 Re8 21.Qf2 g6 22.g3 Nf5 23.Rbd1* 1-0 Bruzon Batista,L (2643)-Anton Guijarro,D (2654) (m/1) 134/113 Tbilisi 2017 *Re7 24.Bxf5 Bxf5 25.e4 Be6 26.e5 Qg7 27.Ncxe6 fxe6 28.Qc2 Kf7 29.Kg2 Nd7 30.h4 g5 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.Rh1 Nf8 33.Nh3 Ke8 34.Nf2 Nd7 35.Ng4 Kd8 36.Rh6 Kc7 37.Rdh1 Qf7 38.Rh7* 1-0 Einarsson,E (2613)-9.♗d3 ♘c6 10.♖d1_82258 (2284) Cutro 1998 (5)) 9.h4 h6 *(9...h5 10.Bd3 Bxd3*

11.Qxd3 g6 12.0-0-0 4) Queen's Gambit Declined 3.-Queen's Gambit Declined 3...B) 10.h5 Bh7 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 0-0 13.Nf5 4) Queen's Gambit Declined 3.-Queen's Gambit Declined 3...B]

7...c6 8.Nh4 Bg4 9.Qc2 Nbd7 10.h3 The position is equal. **10...Be6**



11.Nf3 Ne4 12.Bd3 f5 13.Bh2 0-0 14.0-0 Kh8 15.Ne2 a5



16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Bf6 18.f3 Threatens to win with Ne2-f4. **18...Nd6 19.g4** -0.12/17

[19.Rae1± 0.33/17]

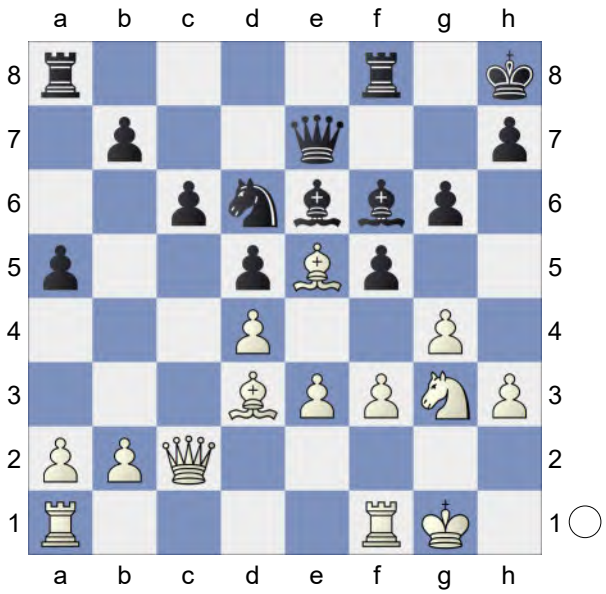
19...Qe7 20.Ng3 -0.46/17

[20.gxf5 Bxf5 21.f4 Bxh3∓]

[20.Qc5!= 0.16/18 Rad8 21.Bf4 *(21.Qxa5 Bc8∓)*]

20...g6 -0.06/16

[20...Bxe5∓ -0.46/17 should be considered. 21.dxe5 Nc4 22.Bxc4 *(22.Bxf5? Nxe3 23.Qh2 Bxf5-+)* 22...fxg4]



21.Rae1 -0.53/18

[21.Kg2= -0.06/16]

21...Bxe5∓ 22.dxe5 Nf7

[22...Qh4 simplifies 23.Qh2 Nc4 24.Bxc4 dxc4 25.Ne2 Rae8]

23.f4 Qh4↑ Black fights for an advantage. **24.Kg2**

[24.Qh2 simplifies fxg4 25.hxg4 Qxh2+ 26.Kxh2 Bxg4 27.Ne2]

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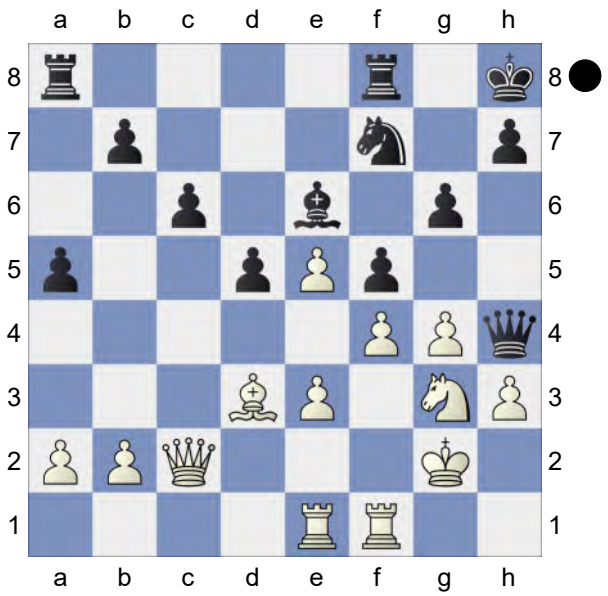
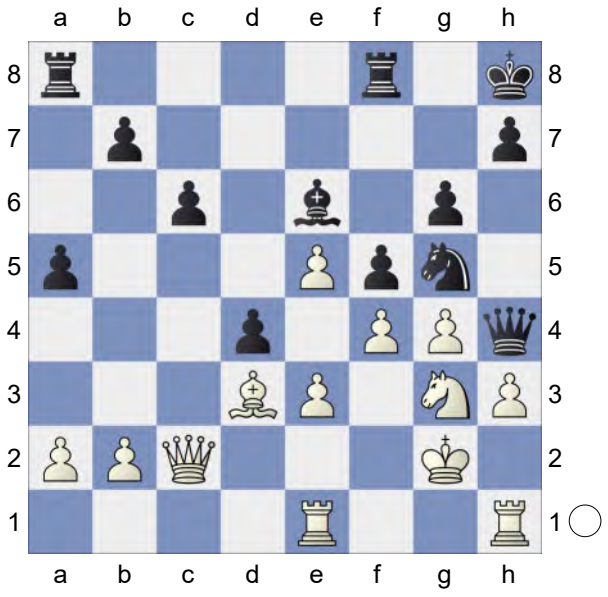


24...Ng5! 25.Rh1
[25.fxg5? fxg4 26.Nh1 Rf3-+ *(26...Qxh3+ 27.Kg1∓; 26...gxh3+ 27.Kh2∓)*]
25...d4!
[25...Ne4 26.Nxe4 fxe4 *(26...dxe4 27.Be2∓)* 27.Be2∓]



26.fxg5
[26.gxf5? gxf5 27.fxg5 dxe3-+]

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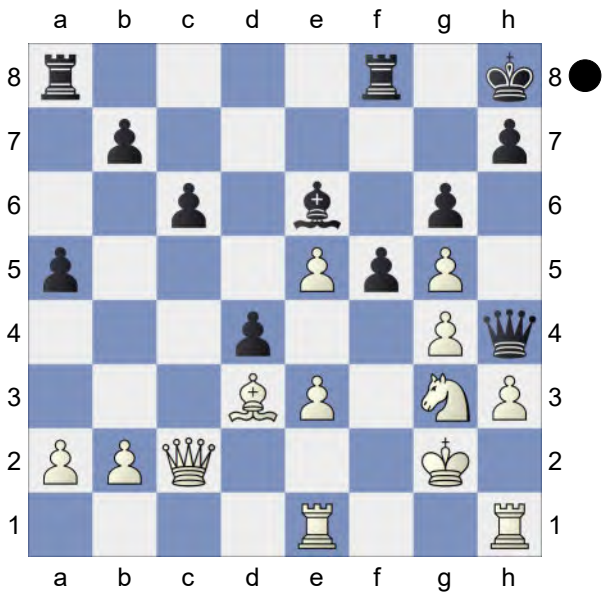
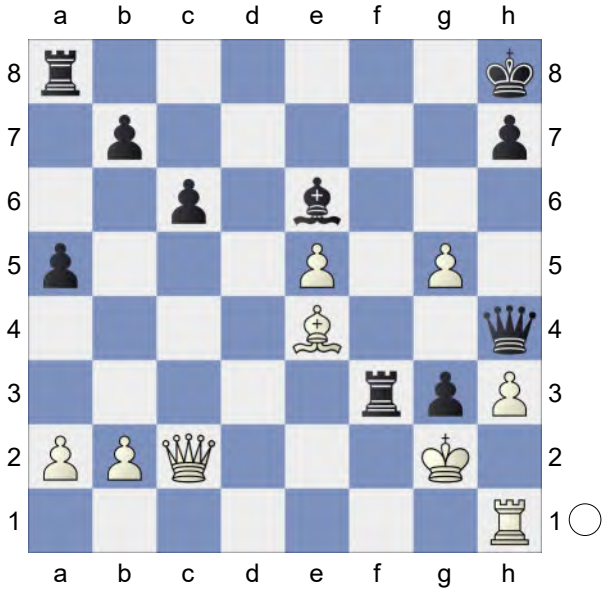


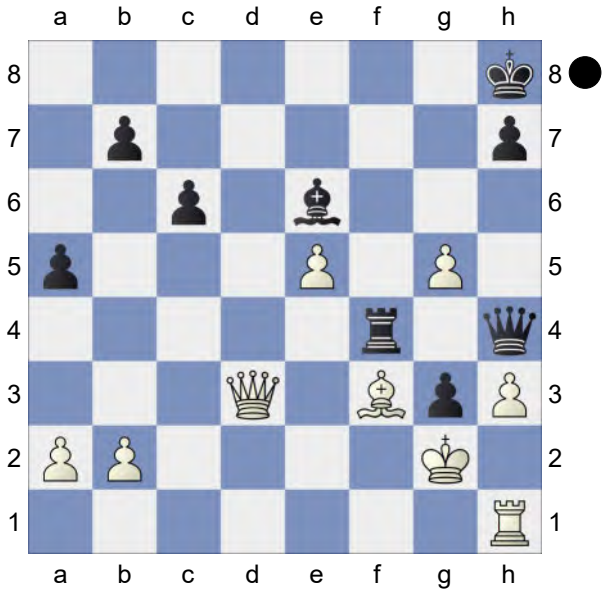
26...dxe3! Black is more active.
27.gxf5? -2.51/21 This costs White the game.
[27.Rxe3∓ -0.80/20 is a better defense. f4 28.Rf3 fxg3 29.Rxg3]
27...gxf5-+ White must now prevent ...f5-f4. **28.Rxe3?** -5.01/22
[28.Ref1 -2.74/19 Bd5+ 29.Rf3]
28...f4 Black is clearly winning. **29.Rf3 fxg3 30.Be4 Rxf3**



31.Bxf3 Rf8
[31...Qxg5? 32.h4 Qe3 *(32...Qxe5? 33.Rd1-+)* 33.Qe2-+]

[31...Bxa2? 32.b3 Rd8 33.Qxa2+-]

32.Qe4 Rf4 33.Qd3



Hoping for Qd3-d8+. **33...Rxf3!**

Remove Defender **34.Qd8+**

[34.Qxf3 Bd5]

34...Kg7 35.Kxf3 Bd5+

[35...Bxa2 36.Rd1 *(36.Qxa5? Bd5+-+* Skewer *)* 36...Bd5+ 37.Rxd5 cxd5 38.Qf6+ *(38.Qxa5 Qe4+ 39.Kxg3 Qxe5+ 40.Kg4 Qe6+ 41.Kg3 Kg6∓)* 38...Kg8 39.e6 Qe4+ 40.Kxg3 Qe1+ 41.Kg4 Qb4+ 42.Kh5+-]

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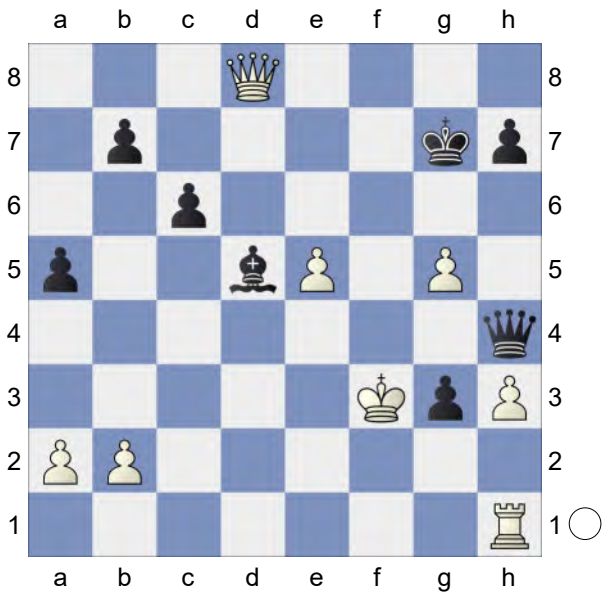


Skewer **36.Ke3 Qe4+**

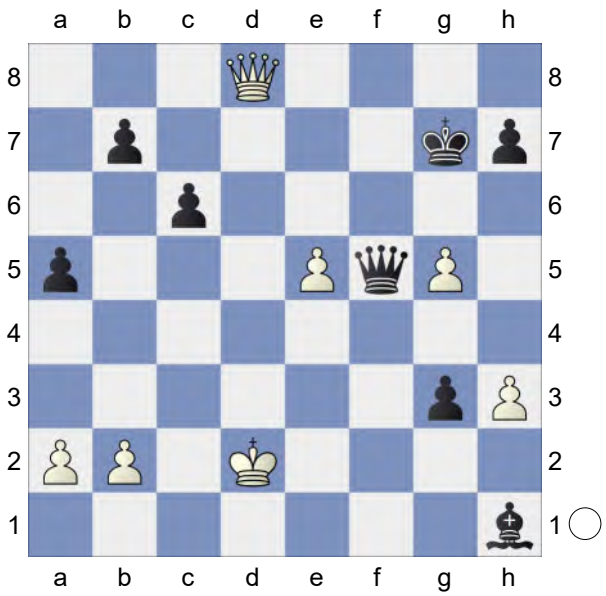
[Worse is 36...Bxh1 37.Qf6+ *(37.Qe7+ Kg8=)* 37...Kg8 38.Qd8+ Kg7 39.Qc7+ *(39.Qe7+ Kg8=)* 39...Kg6 40.Qd6+ Kxg5 41.Qe7+ Kh5 42.Qxh7+ Kg5 43.Qe7+ Kh5 44.Qe8+ *(44.Qh7+ Kg5=)* 44...Kh6 45.Qh8+ Kg5 46.Qd8+ Kh5 47.Qh8+ Kg5 48.Qd8+ Kh5 49.Qh8+ Kg5=]

37.Kd2 Qf4+

[Weaker is 37...Qxh1 38.Qf6+ Kg8 39.Qd8+ Kf7 40.g6+ hxg6 *(40...Kxg6 41.Qf6+ Kh5 42.Qf5+ Kh6 43.Qf6+ Kh5 44.Qf5+ Kh6 45.Qf6+ Kh5=)* 41.Qd7+ Kg8 42.Qd8+ Kf7 43.Qd7+ Kg8 44.Qd8+ Kh7 45.Qe7+=]

38.Kc2 Qf5+ 39.Kd2 Bxh1

(Diagram)



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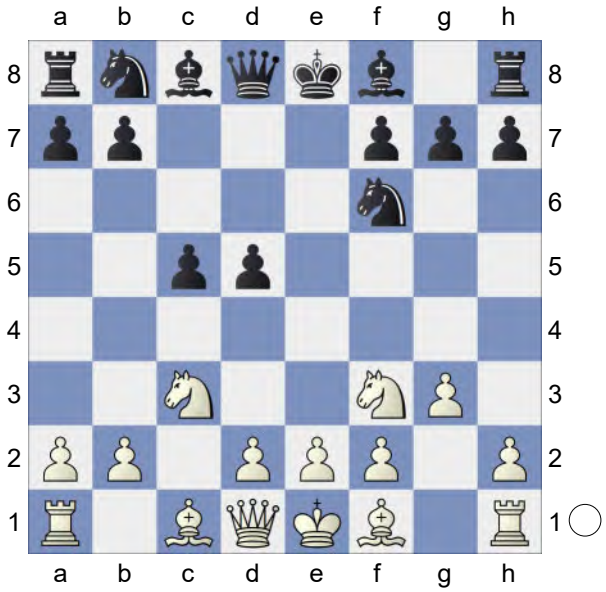
35 **D33**
□ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2741**
■ **Wei Yi** **2755**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (7) 05.03.2025
[Kiyyt Kat]

D33: Tarrasch Defence: 6 g3 sidelines
Krasenkow,Michal: 'Krasenkow,M: 'Inf 90/ 18" **1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 d5**

[4...b6 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.d4 *(7.Re1 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.e4 Nb4 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 N8c6 12.Nxc6 Qxd1 13.Rxd1 Bxc6 14.Bf4 g5 15.Bd6 Bxd6 16.Rxd6 Ke7 17.e5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Rhd8 19.Rad1 Rac8 20.Kh3 h6 21.Kg4 Nc6* ½-½ Yu,Y-Lysyj Baku 2015*)* 7...cxd4 8.Qxd4 Nc6 9.Qd3 0-0 10.e4 d6 11.Rd1 Qb8 12.b3 Rd8 13.Bb2 a6 14.Rd2 Ne5 15.Qe3 Qc7 16.Rad1 Ned7 17.Nd4 Bf8 18.f4 Re8 19.Kh1 1-0 Krasenkow,M (2609)-Markowski,T (2605) Polska (ch) 90/18 2004]

5.cxd5 exd5N

[5...Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 Nxc3 10.Bxc3 Bd7 11.Qc2 Rc8 12.Qb2 f6 13.d4 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Qb6 15.Rad1 Bc5 16.Nc2 Rcd8 17.b4 Be7 18.Qb3 Bc8 19.Bh3 Kf7 20.b5 1-0 Cebalo,M (2520)-Foisor,O (2404) Milano 80/10 2000 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rc1 Nb8 23.Nd4 Bc5 24.Ba5 Qxa5 25.Rxc5 Rxd4 26.Rxc8 Qe1+ 27.Kg2 Qxe2 28.Rxb8 Rd1 29.Bxe6+ Kg6 30.Bf7+ Kh6 31.Qe3+ 1-0 Cebalo,M (2515)-Zaja,I (2450) CRO-ch 6th Pula 1998 (12)]



6.d4 Nc6 7.Bg2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Na4 Bb6

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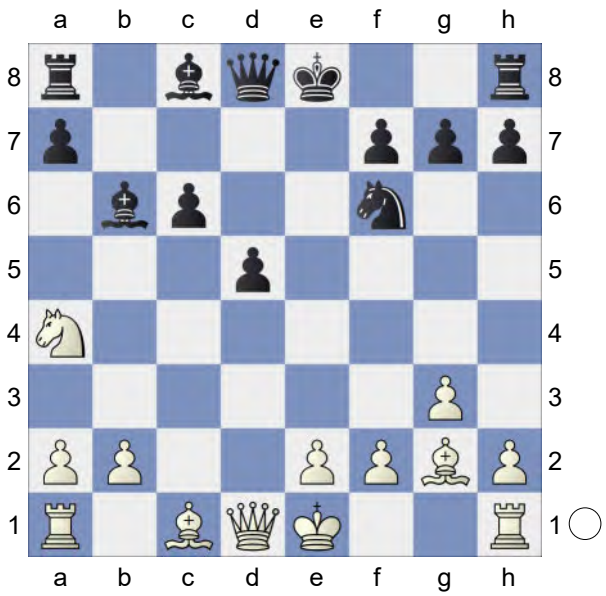
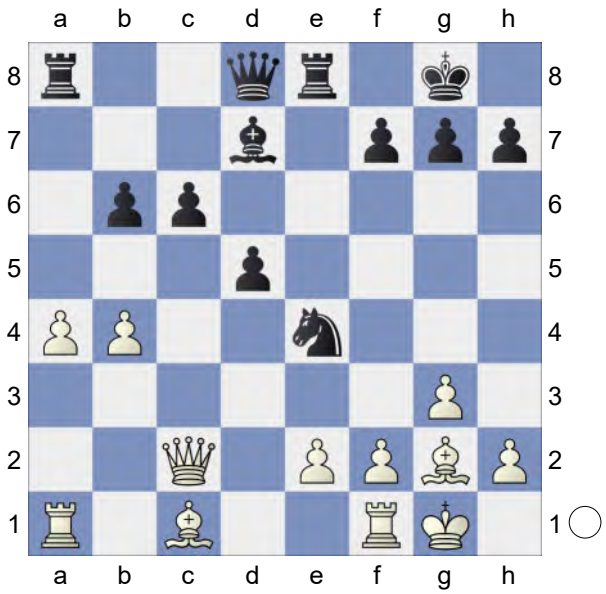
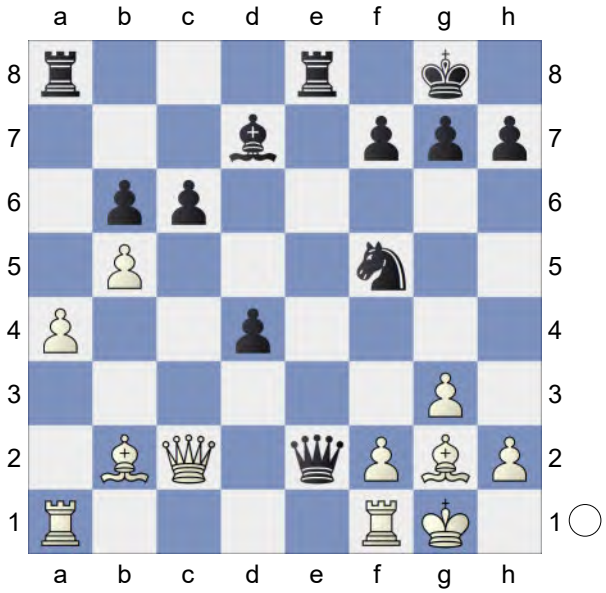


11.0-0 0-0 12.Nxb6 White is slightly better. **12...axb6 13.Qc2 Bd7 14.a4 Re8 15.b4 Ne4**



16.Be3 0.01/18
[16.Bb2± 0.45/19]
16...Nd6 0.63/18
[16...Bf5!= 0.01/18]
17.Bd4± Nf5 18.Bc3 d4 1.20/20
[Black should try 18...Nd6± 0.58/17]
19.Bb2± Qe7 20.b5
[20.Bxc6 Bxc6 *(20...Qxe2? 21.Qxe2 Rxe2 22.Bxa8+-)* 21.Qxc6 Rac8 *(21...Qxe2 22.Rfe1±; 21...Qxb4 22.Qb5=)* 22.Qxb6 Qxe2 23.Bxd4 Nh4 24.gxh4 Qg4+ 25.Kh1 Qf3+ 26.Kg1 Re4=]
20...Qxe2



21.Rfc1
[21.Qxe2 simplifies Rxe2 22.bxc6 Be6 23.Bc1]
21...d3 22.Qxe2 0.58/24
[22.Qc3± 1.01/23 cxb5 23.Bxa8 Rxa8 24.Re1]
22...Rxe2± 23.bxc6
[23.Bxc6? Bxc6 24.bxc6 Rxb2-+]
23...Be6 24.Bc3 A strong pair of Bishops. **24...Rc8** 1.21/23
[24...Rc2± 0.66/21]
25.Rd1± Bc4 2.25/23
[25...Rc2± 1.51/21 26.Rxd3 Bc4]

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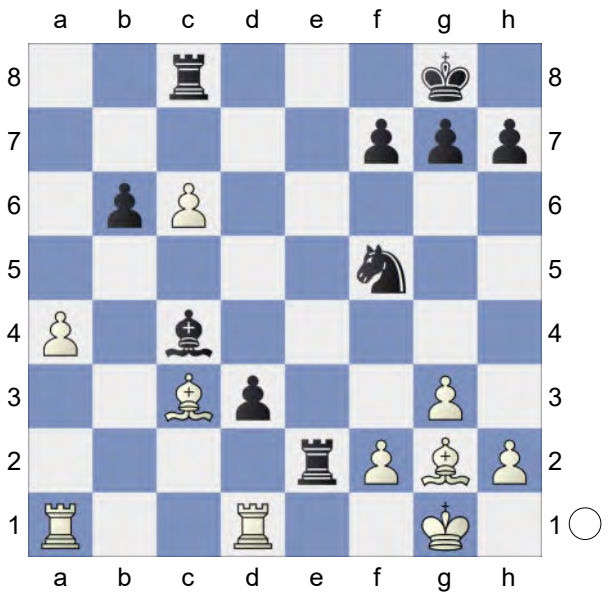
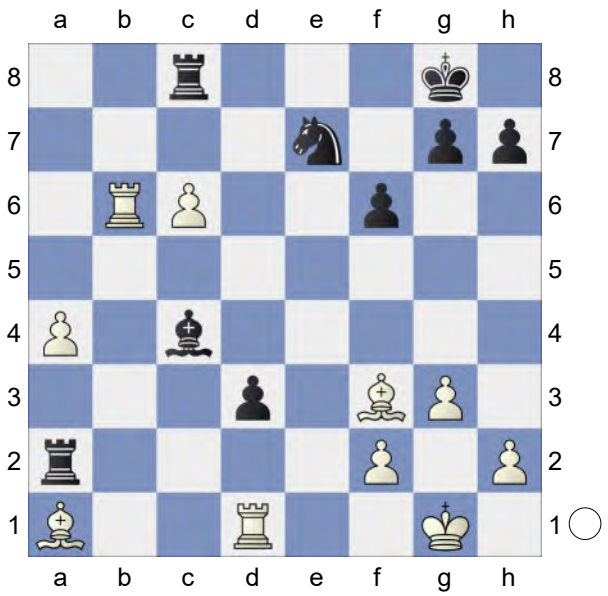
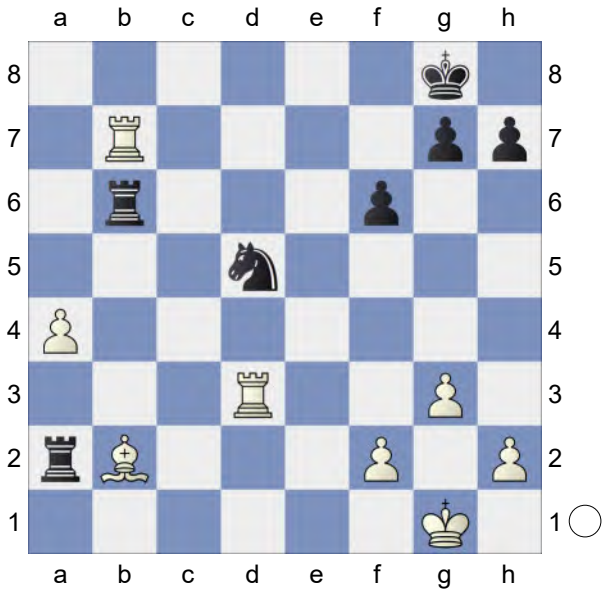


26.Rab1 1.08/22
[26.a5+- 2.25/23 has better winning chances. bxa5 27.Rxa5 *(27.Bxa5 Re7+-)*]
26...Rc2 27.Ba1 Ne7 28.Rxb6 f6 Inhibits Ba1-e5. **29.Be4**
[29.a5 simplifies d2 30.Rb2 Rxb2 31.Bxb2 Nxc6 32.Bxc6 Rxc6 33.Rxd2 Ba6 34.Bd4]
29...Re2 30.Bf3
[30.Bxd3? Bxd3 31.Rxd3 Re1+ *(31...Rxc6? 32.Rxc6 Nxc6 33.Ra3+-)* 32.Kg2 Rxa1-+]
30...Ra2

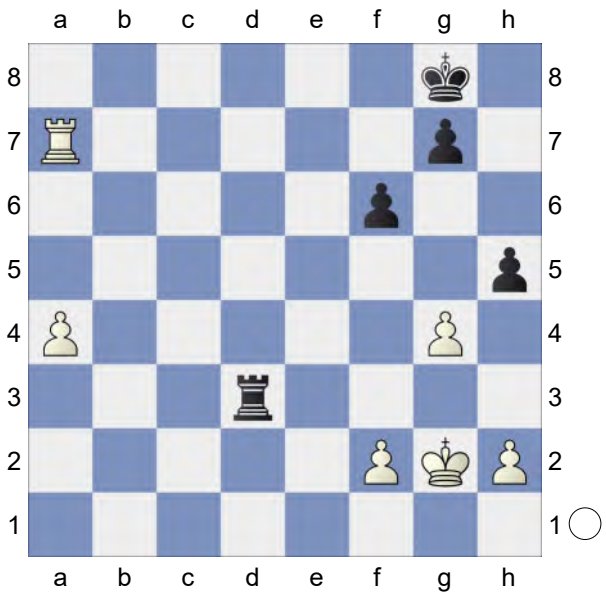
(Diagram)



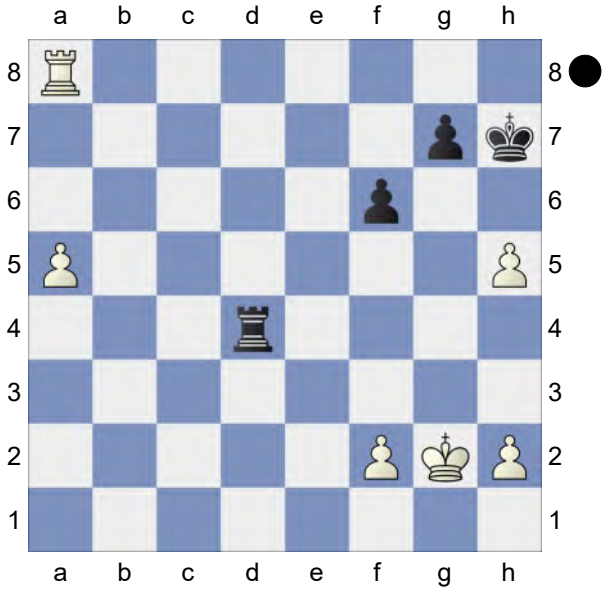
31.Rb4 Be6 32.Bb2 aiming for Rb4-b7.
32...Bd5
[32...Nxc6? loses. 33.Rb6+-]
33.Bxd5+ Nxd5 34.Rb7 Rxc6 35.Rxd3 Rb6!



36.Ra7
[Much weaker is 36.Rxb6 Nxb6 37.Rd8+ Kf7=]
36...Rbxb2 37.Rxd5 Rd2 38.Rxd2 Rxd2 Endgame. KR-KR **39.Kg2** 0.80/24
[⌓39.h4 1.28/26]
39...Rd3 40.g4 White is more active.
40...h5 1.22/28



41.gxh5 Kh7 42.Ra8 0.54/26
[Better is 42.Ra5± 1.21/27]
42...Rd4 1.20/28
[42...Rd5± 0.54/26]
43.a5



Hoping for a5-a6. **43...Rd5 44.a6** 0.37/27
[44.h4± 1.00/26]
44...Rxh5± 45.Kf3 Rh4

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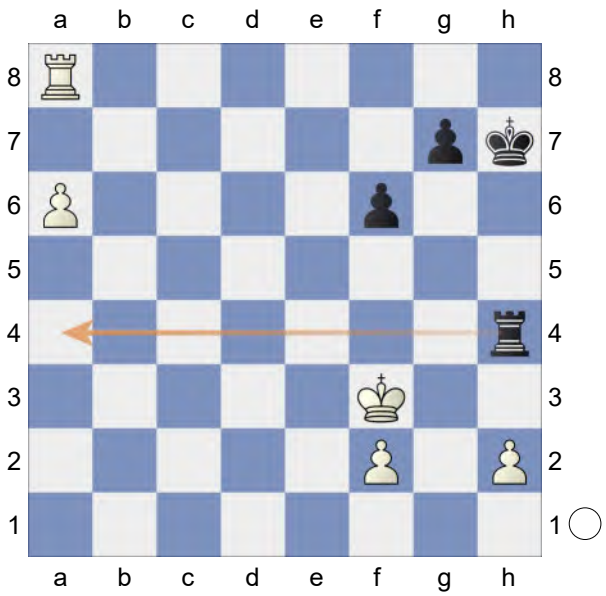
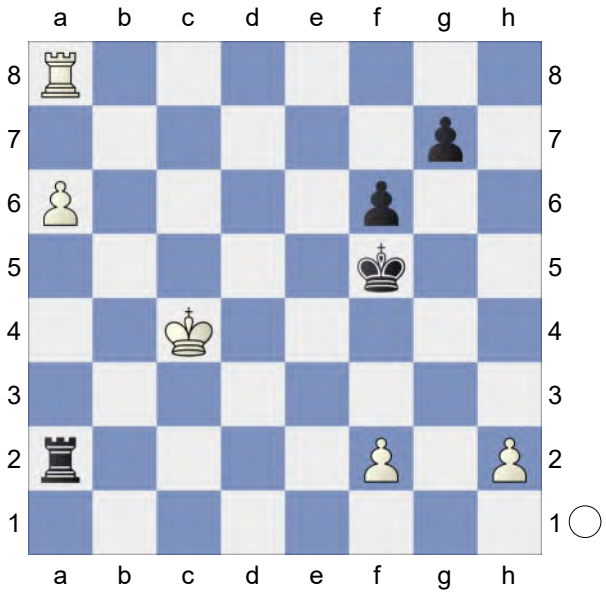
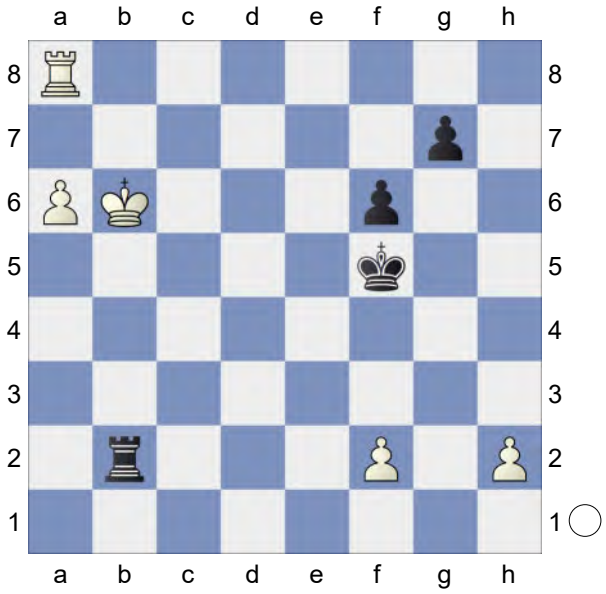


46.Ke3 Kg6 0.67/23
[46...Ra4= 0.21/24 was preferrable.]
47.Kd3 0.19/24
[47.Rd8± 0.67/23 feels stronger. Ra4 48.Ra8]
47...Kf5 0.91/24
[47...Ra4!= 0.19/24]
48.Kc3 0.01/22
[48.Rb8± 0.91/24 Ra4 49.Rb6]
48...Ra4!= 49.Kb3 Ra1 50.Kc4 Ra2

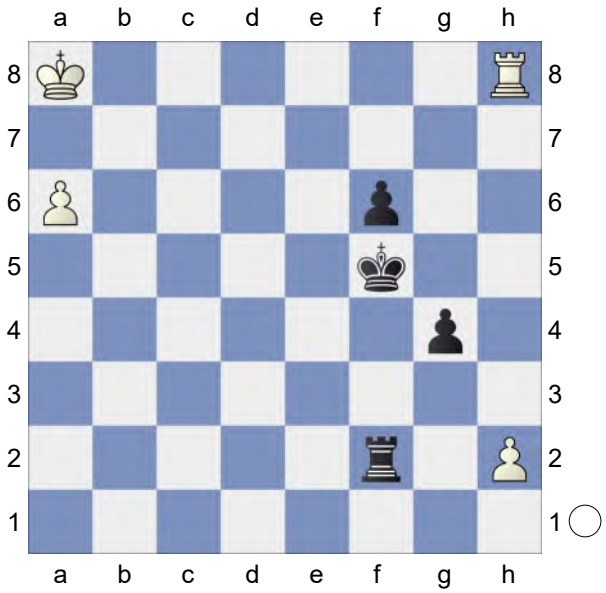


51.Kb5 Strongly threatening Ra8-d8.
51...Rb2+ 52.Kc6 Rc2+ 53.Kb7 Rb2+
54.Kc7 And now Ra8-d8 would win.

54...Rc2+ 55.Kb6 Threatens to win with Ra8-d8. **55...Rb2+**



56.Kc6 Black must now prevent Ra8-d8. **56...Rc2+!** The position is equal. **57.Kb7** Ra8-d8 would now be deadly. **57...Rb2+! 58.Ka7 Rxf2 59.Rh8 g5 60.Ka8 g4**



61.a7

[61.Kb7!? Rb2+□ 62.Kc7 Rc2+ 63.Kb6 Rb2+ 64.Kc7 Rc2+ 65.Kb6 Rb2+ 66.Ka5 Ra2+ 67.Kb6 Rb2+=]

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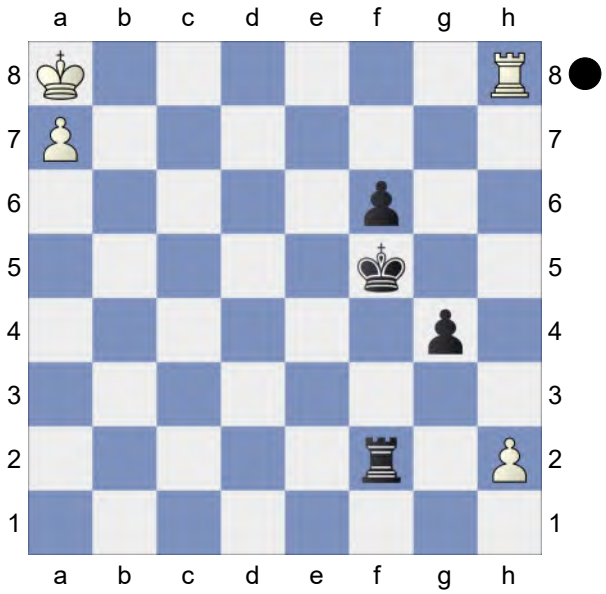

White really could win this. Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.13 (very precise)

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36 **C58**

□ **Wei Yi** **2755**

■ **Nguyen,Thai Dai Van** **2668**

7th Prague Masters 2025 (8) 06.03.2025

[Kitty Kat]

C58: Two Knights: 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Na5 sidelines **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N**

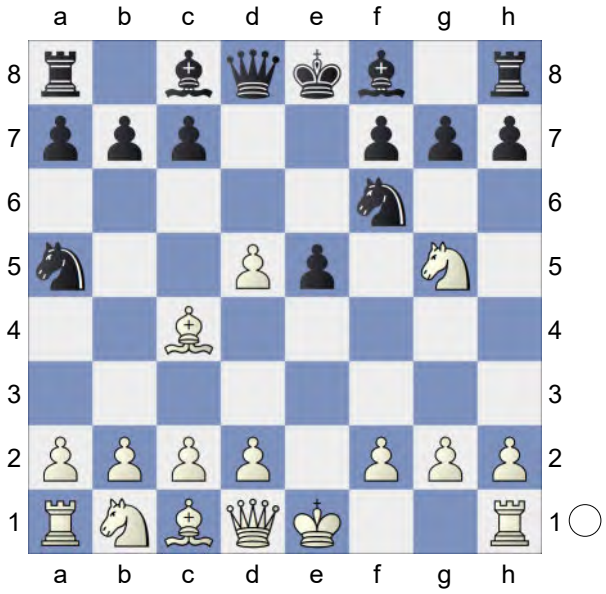
[4.d3

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Qe2 *(6.h3 Bf5 7.Qe2 f6 8.0-0 Qd7 9.d4 e4 10.Bxd5 Qxd5 11.Nc3 Qe6 12.Ng5 fxg5 13.d5 Nd4 14.dxe6 Nxe2+ 15.Nxe2 Be7 16.Nd4 Bg6 17.Nb5 0-0-0 18.Nxa7+ Kb8 19.Nb5 Bf5* 8) Italian 4...d5 - Rare 6th-Italian 4...d5 with 6.h3 #4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's 1.e4 e5*)* 6...f6 7.d4 Bg4 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Qe4

Bxf3 10.gxf3 Nb6 11.f4 Nbxc4 12.fxe5 Nxe5 13.f4 Qd4 14.Qe2 0-0-0 15.fxe5 Re8 8) Italian 4...d5 - Rare 6th-Italian 4...d5 with 6.Qe2 #1 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's 1. e4 e5;

B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...d5 5.exd5 Na5



6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Qe2 Be7 8.Nf3 Nxd5 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.Nxe5 The position is equal. **10...Qf5**

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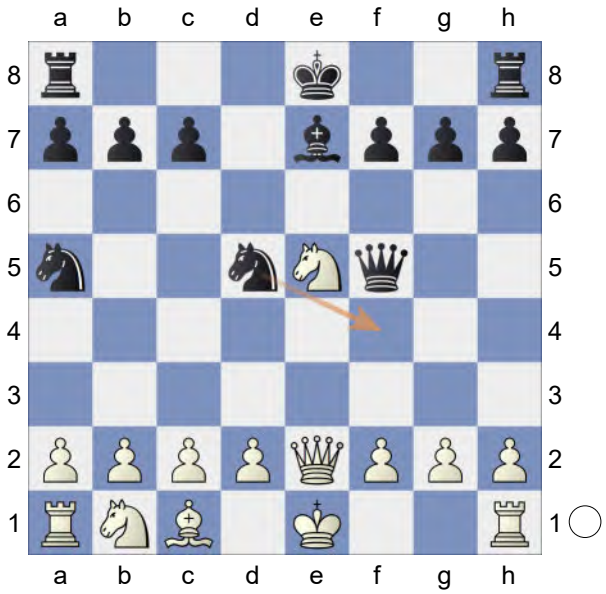
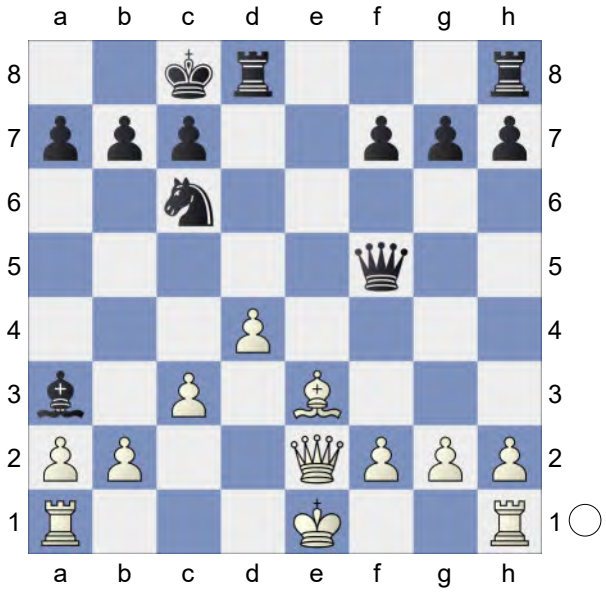


...Nd5-f4! is the strong threat. **11.d4 Nb4 12.Na3 0-0-0 13.Be3 Nbc6 14.Nxc6 Nxc6 15.c3 Bxa3**



16.bxa3 Ne7 17.0-0 Rhe8 18.c4 Qe4 19.d5 Nf5 20.Rae1 h6

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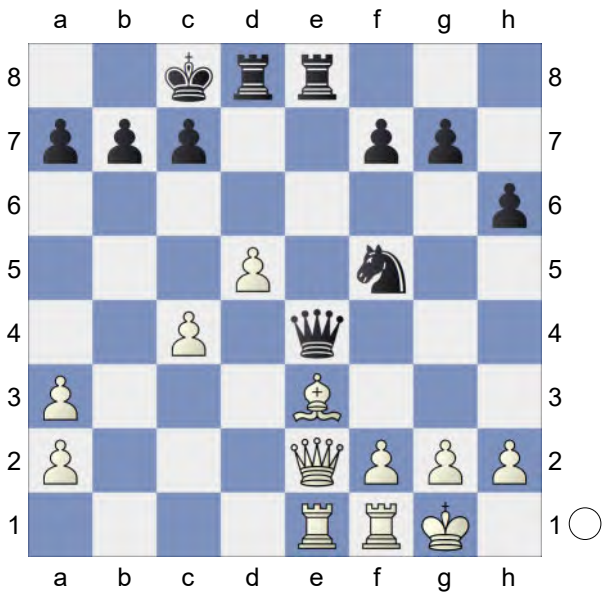
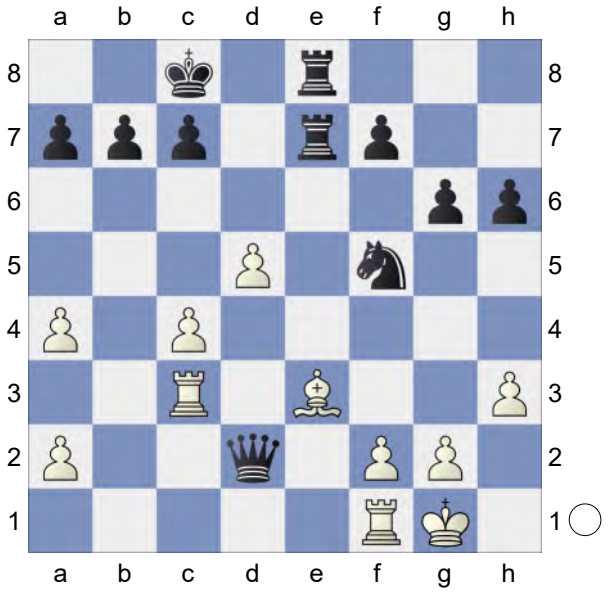


21.h3 g6 22.a4
[22.Rc1 simplifies Nxe3 23.fxe3 Qxe3+ 24.Qxe3 Rxe3 25.Rxf7 Rxa3 26.Rc2]
22...Re7 23.Rc1 Rde8 24.Rc3 Qd4 0.57/21
[24...Nh4!= 0.14/22 feels stronger. 25.Qg4+ Qxg4 26.hxg4 Re4]
25.Qd2± Qxd2



26.Bxd2 Re2 27.Rd1 h5 28.Kf1 Nd6 29.Rcc1 b6 30.a5 Kd7

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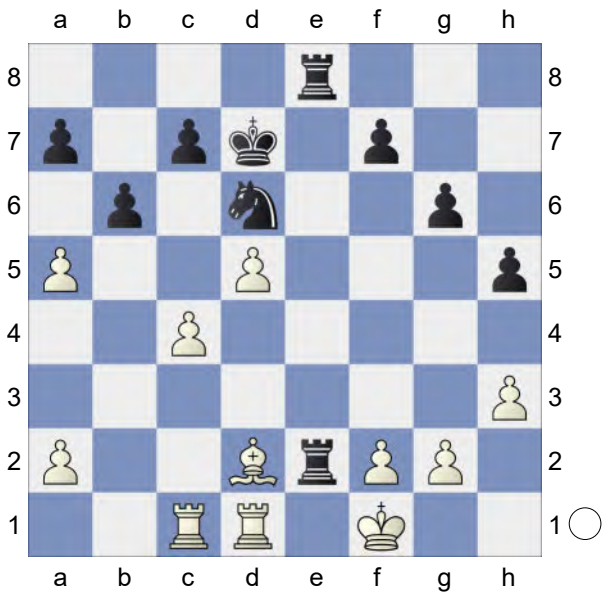
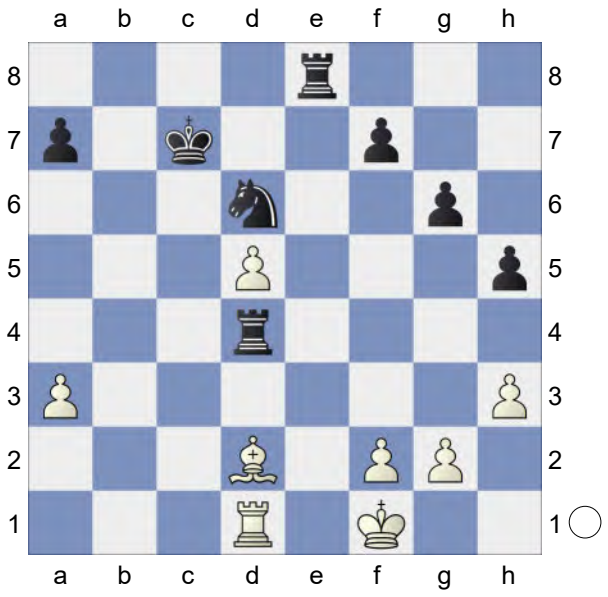


31.a3 R2e4 32.axb6 Remove Defender
32...cxb6 33.c5 bxc5 34.Rxc5 Strongly threatening Bd2-b4. **34...Rd4 35.Rc7+** Decoy **35...Kxc7**



36.Ba5+ Discovered Attack **36...Kd7 37.Rxd4** Endgame. KRB-KRN **37...Re4 38.Rd3 Ra4 39.Bd2 Nc4 40.Bb4 a5**

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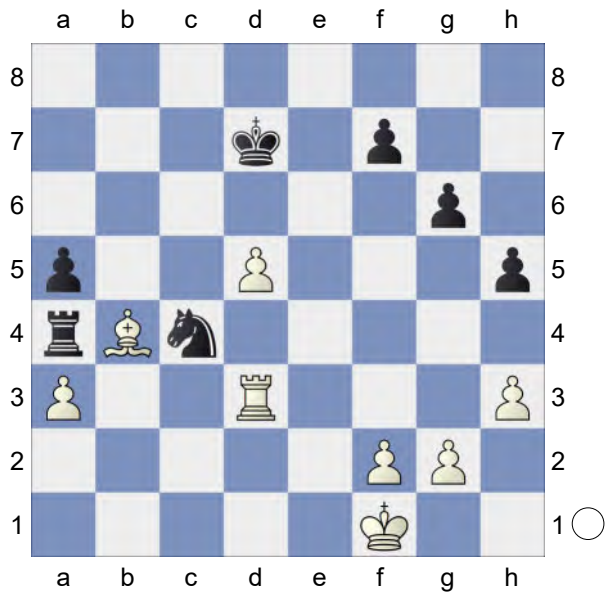
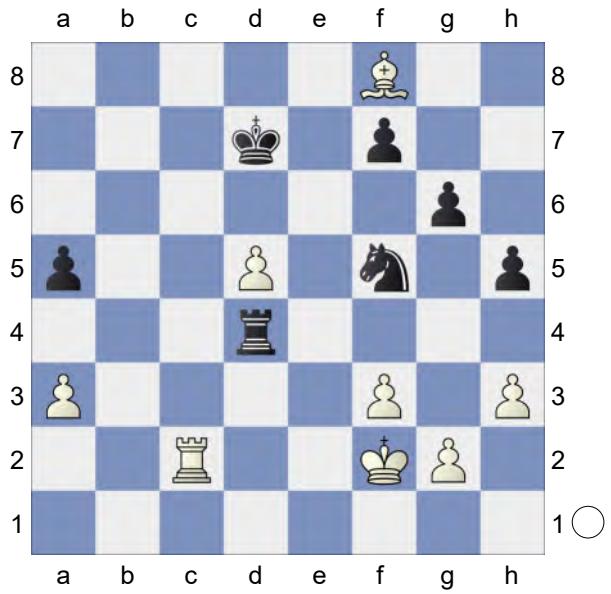


41.Bf8 Nd6 42.Rc3 Ne4 0.79/22
[42...Rc4± 0.33/22 was preferrable. 43.Rxc4 Nxc4]
43.Rc2 Rd4 44.f3 Ng3+ 45.Kf2 Nf5



46.g4 hxg4 47.hxg4 Ne7 48.Rc5 Hoping for Kf2-e3. **48...Nxd5 49.Rxa5 Rd2+ 50.Ke1 Rd3**

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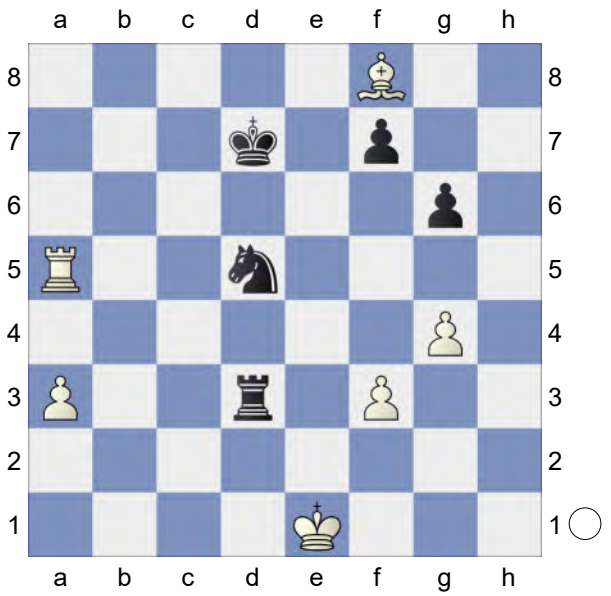
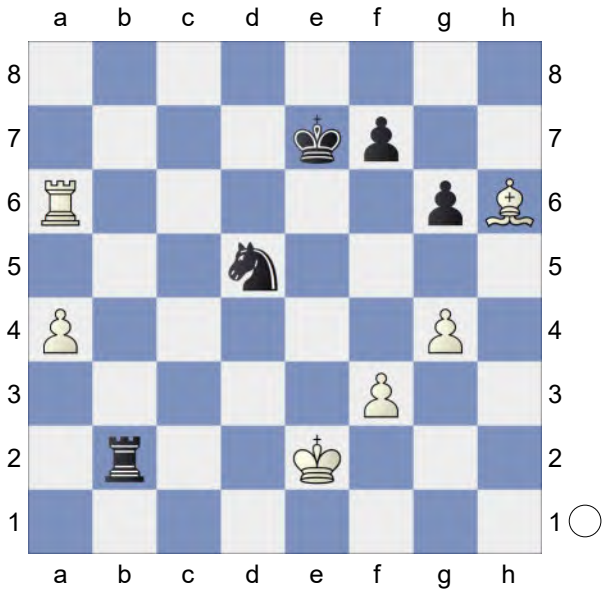


51.Bh6 Ke6 52.Ke2 Rb3 53.Ra6+ Ke7 54.a4 0.62/21
[54.Kf2± 1.03/20]
54...Rb2+ 1.53/21
[54...f6± 0.62/21]



55.Bd2 1.04/20
[⌓55.Kd3! 1.53/21]
55...Ra2

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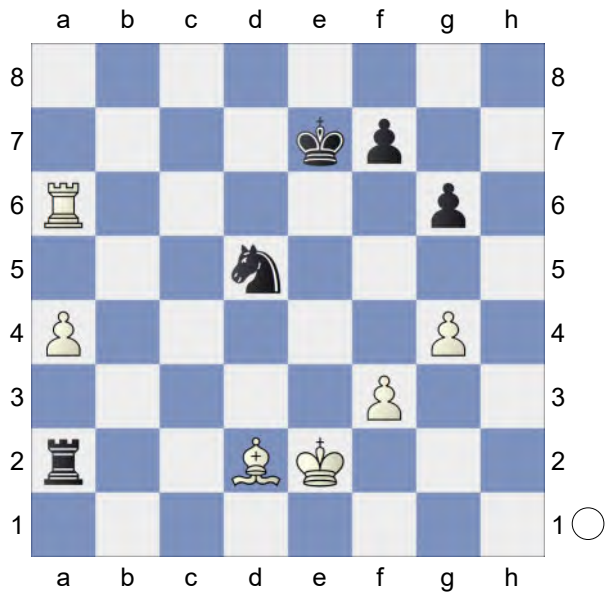
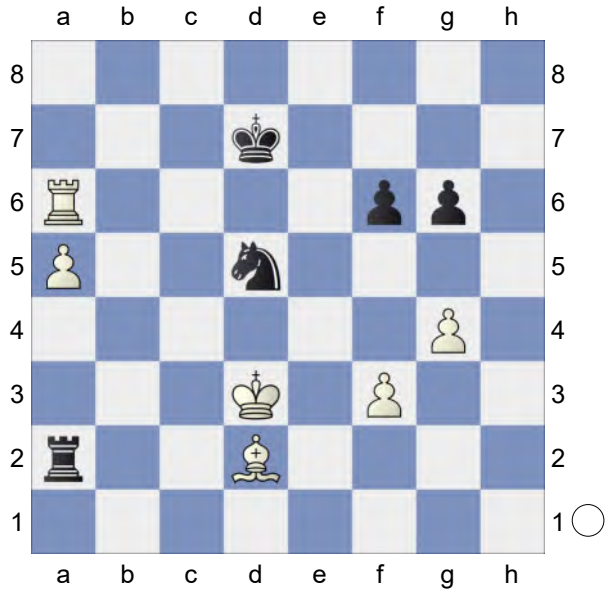


56.a5 f6 57.Kd3 Kd7



58.g5! fxg5 59.Rxg6 Nf4+ 60.Bxf4± KRB-KR **60...Ra3+**

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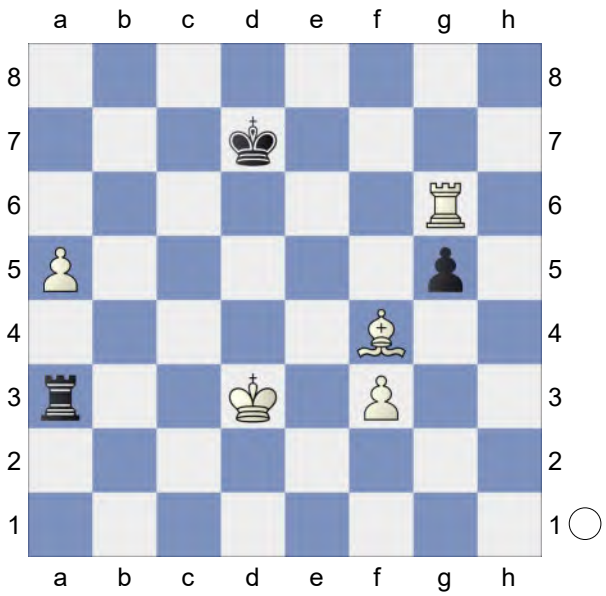
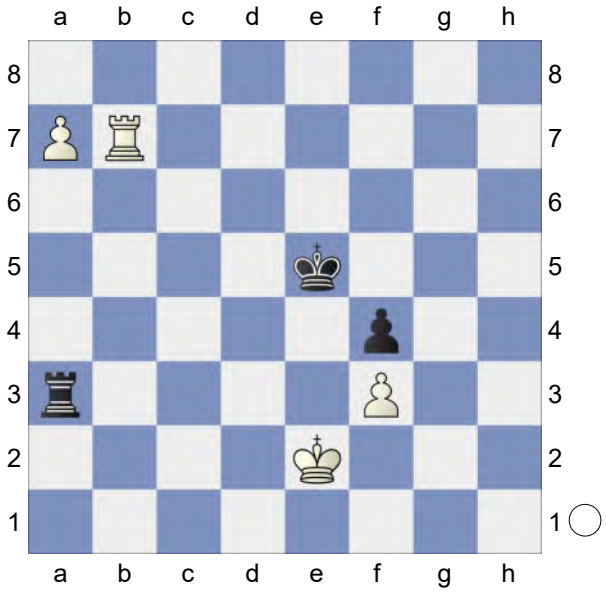


61.Ke2 gxf4 KR-KR **62.a6** aiming for a6-a7! **62...Ke7 63.Rb6 Kf7 64.Rb7+ Kf6 65.a7 Ke5**



66.Kd2 Kd4 67.Rd7+ Kc4 68.Kc2 Ra2+ 69.Kb1 Ra6 70.Kb2 Ra5

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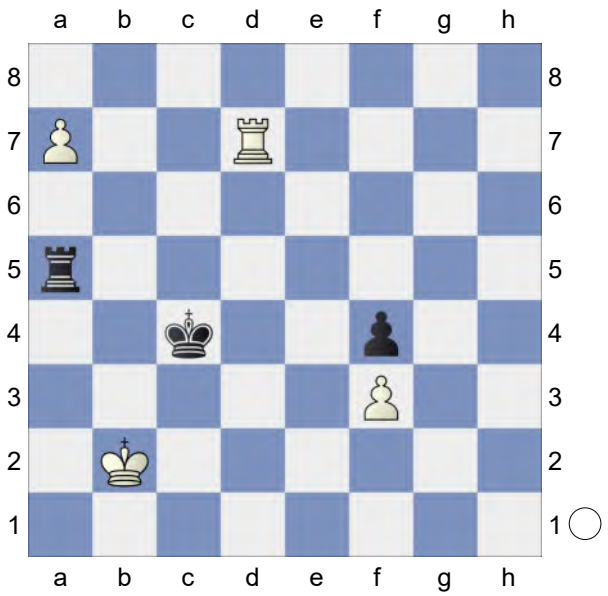
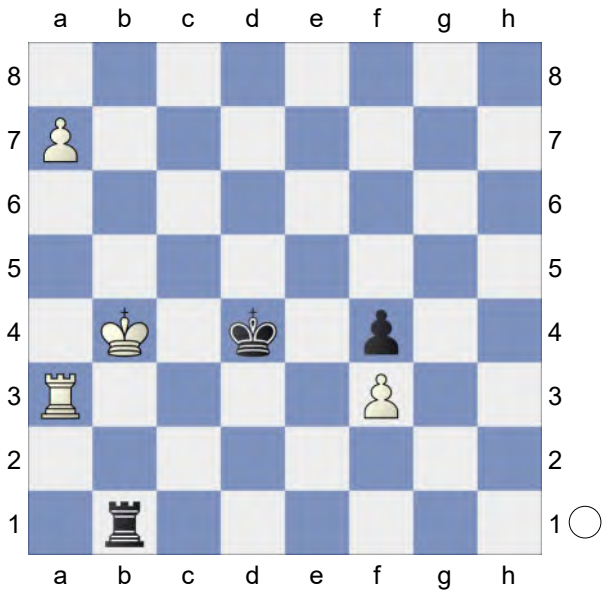


71.Rc7+ Kd4? 7.75/30
[71...Kb5 1.67/26 72.Kc3 Ra4]
72.Kb3+- Ke3 73.Kb4 White mates.
73...Ra1 74.Rc3+ Kd4 75.Ra3 Rb1+



76.Ka5

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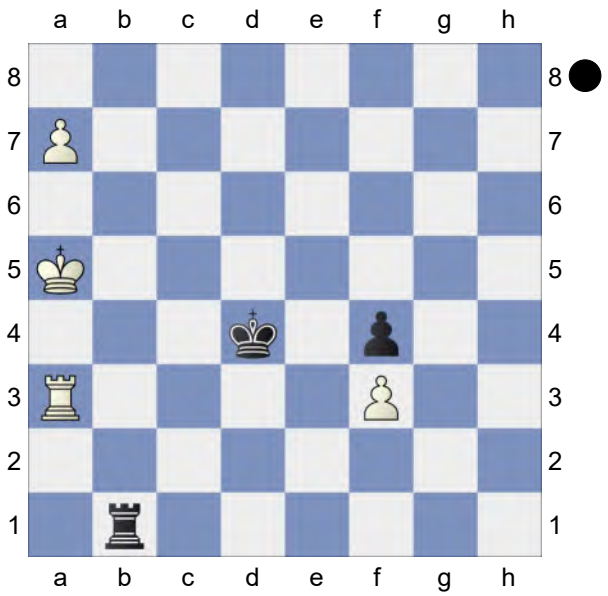

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37 **C43**
□ **Keymer,Vincent** **2731**
■ **Gurel,Ediz** **2624**
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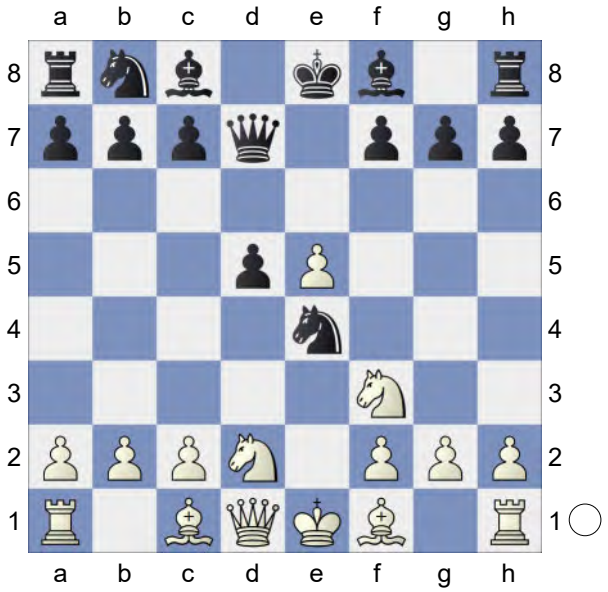
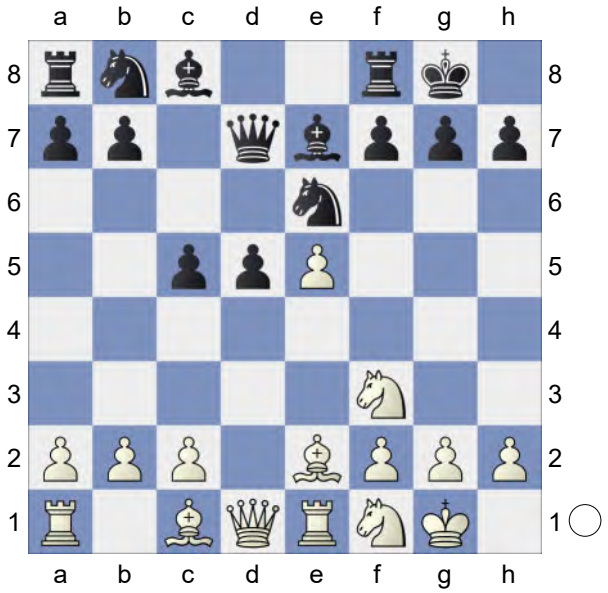
[Kitty Kat]

C43: Petroff Defence: 3 d4 **1.e4 e5**
2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.dxe5
[4.Nxe5 d6 5.Nf3 d5 6.Bd3 Be7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.c3 Bg4 9.Nbd2 f5 10.Be2 0-0 11.Ne1 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Bd6 13.f4 a6 14.Nd3 Qe7 15.Nf3 Nd8 16.Nfe5 Ne6 17.Be3 Rf6 18.Rf3 Rh6 ½-½ Dos Santos,V (1774)-Araujo,H (1965) Recife Pernambucano op 2024 (2)]
4...d5 5.Nbd2 Qd7N
[5...Nxd2 6.Bxd2 Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 c5 9.Bf4 Nc6 10.Qd2 Be6 11.c3 Qd7 12.h3 Rad8 13.Rfd1 h6 14.Bd3 Bf5 15.Bg3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qe6 17.a3 b6 18.b4 d4 19.cxd4

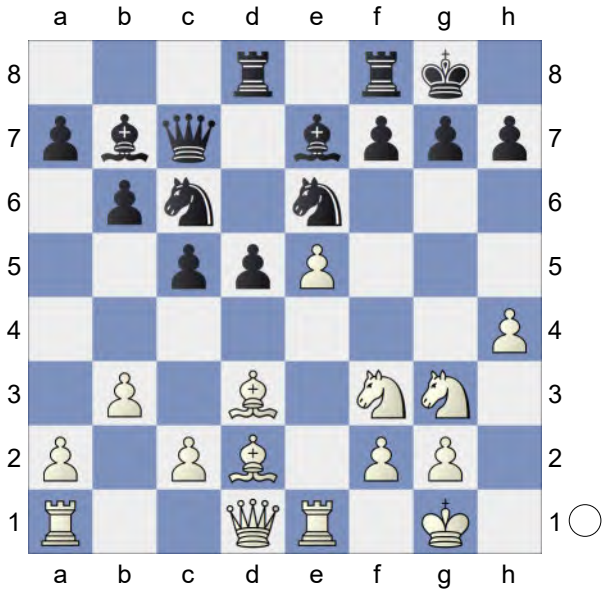
Nxd4 20.Nxd4 Model Games-Nepomniachtchi,I Rxd4 21.Qa6 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 cxb4 23.axb4 Bxb4 24.Qxa7 Bc5 25.Kh2 h5 26.h4 Rc8 27.Qb7 Qf5 28.Rd2 Re8 29.Qc6 Rc8 30.Qb7 Re8 31.Qc6 ½-½ Nepomniachtchi,I (2751)-Mamedyarov, S (2809) 11th Tal Mem Rapid 2018 Moscow RUS (9.5)]



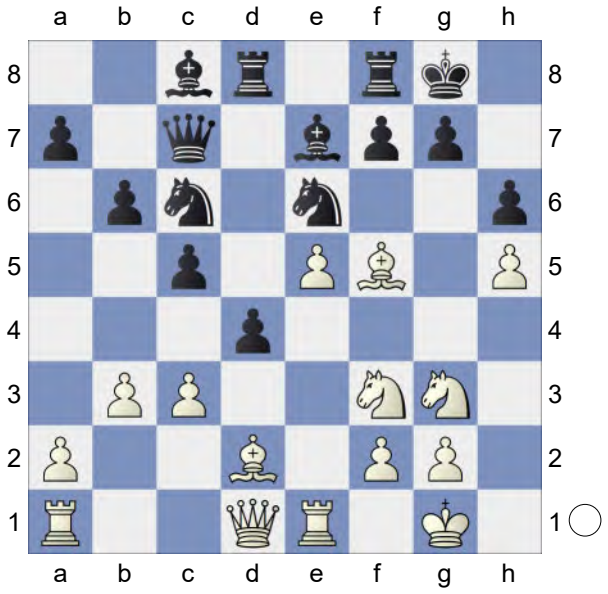
6.Bd3 Nc5 7.Be2 Ne6 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...Be7 9.Re1 0-0 10.Nf1 c5**



11.Ng3 Nc6 12.b3 b6 13.Bd2 Bb7 14.Bd3 Rad8 15.h4 Qc7



16.Bf5 Bc8 17.h5 h6 18.c3 d4



aiming for ...d4xc3. **19.Qe2 dxc3 20.Bxc3 Rfe8**

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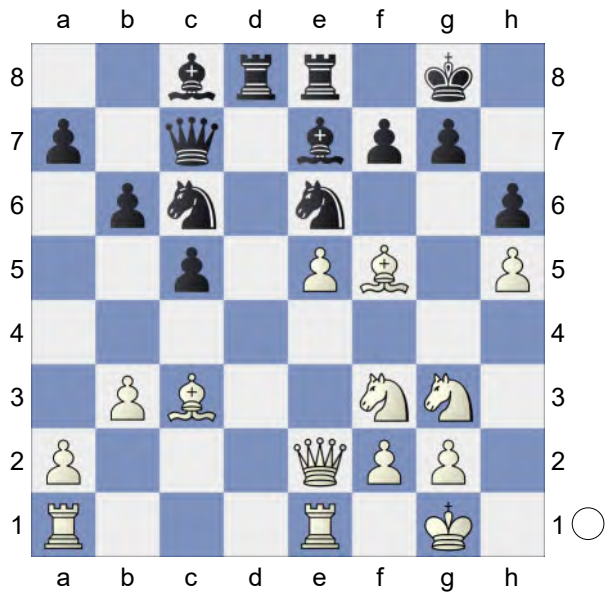
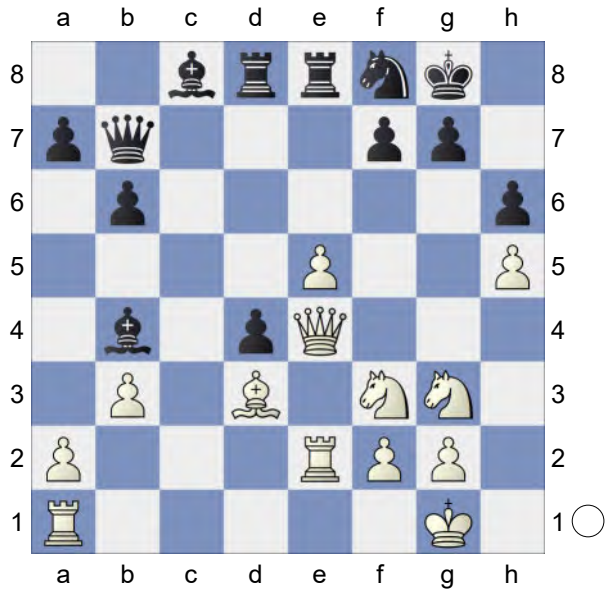
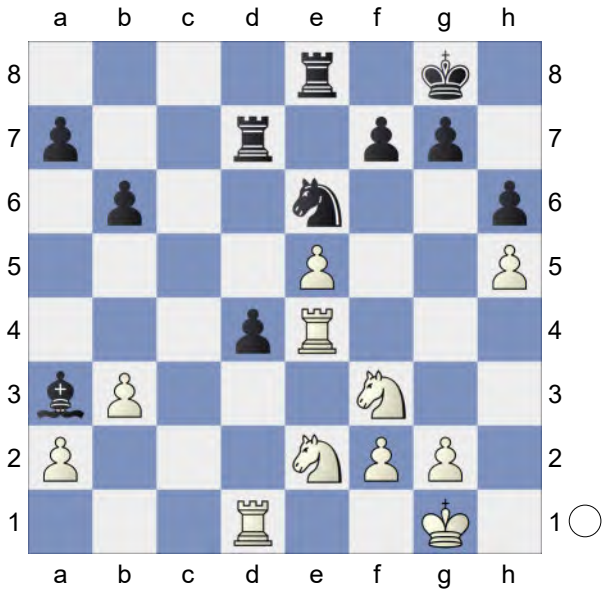


21.Bb1 Ncd4 22.Bxd4 cxd4 23.Qe4! Nf8 Dodges Qe4-h7+ **24.Bd3!**
Black is weak on the light squares
[24.Nxd4 Qc3 25.Nc2 Bf6 26.exf6 Rxe4 27.Nxe4 Qe5∓]
24...Bb4 25.Re2 Qb7



26.Bb5
[26.Nxd4? Bc3 27.Rd1 *(27.Qxb7? Bxb7 28.Rd1 Bxd4-+)* 27...Bxd4-+ *(27...Rxd4? 28.Qxb7 Bxb7 29.Rc2-+; 27...Qxe4? 28.Rxe4 Rxd4 29.Rxd4-+)*]
26...Qxe4 27.Rxe4 Bd7 28.Bxd7
[28.Nxd4 Bc3 29.Bxd7 Rxd7-+]
28...Rxd7 29.Rd1
[29.Nxd4? too greedy. Bc3 30.Rd1 Ne6-+]
29...Ne6 30.Ne2
[30.Nxd4? Bc5 31.Ngf5 Red8-+ *(31...Nxd4? 32.Rdxd4 Bxd4 33.Nxd4-+)*]
30...Ba3



31.Nf4 -0.52/21
[31.Nexd4? loses. Bc5 32.Kh2 Nxd4 33.Rdxd4 *(33.Nxd4?* perishes. *Red8-+)* 33...Bxd4 34.Nxd4 Rd5-+]
[31.Nfxd4? Bc5 32.Kh2 Nxd4 33.Rdxd4 *(33.Nxd4? Red8-+)* 33...Bxd4 34.Nxd4 Red8∓]
[31.Ne1= -0.01/18]
31...Nxf4!∓ 32.Rxf4 d3 33.Re4 Rc8 34.Kf1 Rc2 0.01/21
[34...Bb2∓ -0.46/19 deserves consideration.]
35.Rd4!= Rxd4
[35...Bc5 looks sharper. 36.Rxd7 Rxf2+ 37.Ke1 Re2+]

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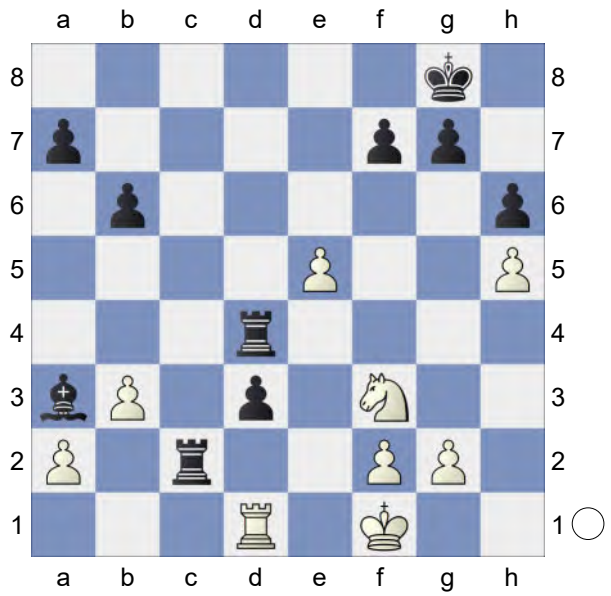
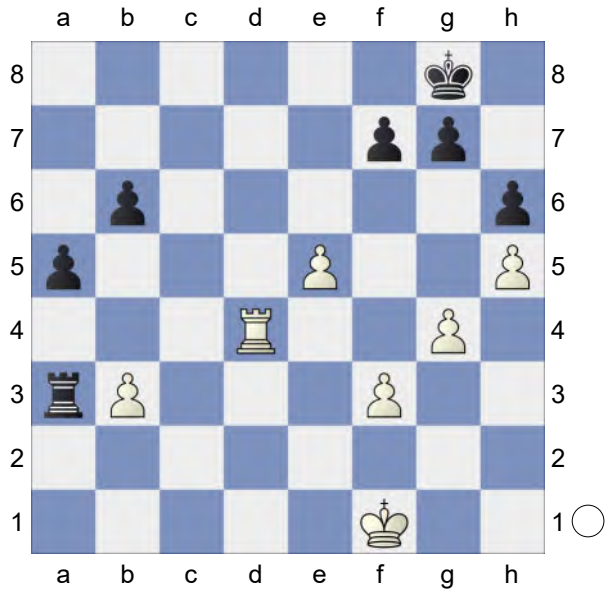


36.Nxd4 Rxa2 37.Rxd3 Endgame. KRB-KRN

[37.f4 feels hotter. d2 38.Ke2 Bc1 39.Nf3]

37...Bc5 38.f3 a5 39.g4 Bxd4 40.Rxd4 KR-KR **40...Ra3**



41.Rd3 a4 42.Rd8+ Kh7 43.bxa4 Rxf3+ 44.Kg2 Rf4 45.Kg3 Rxa4

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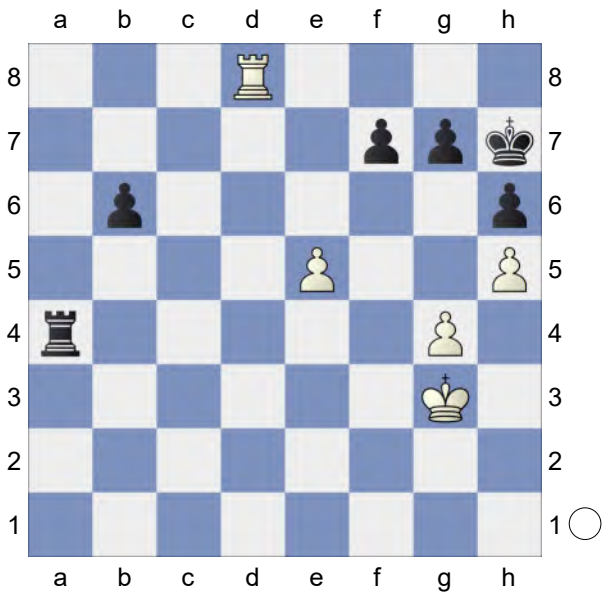
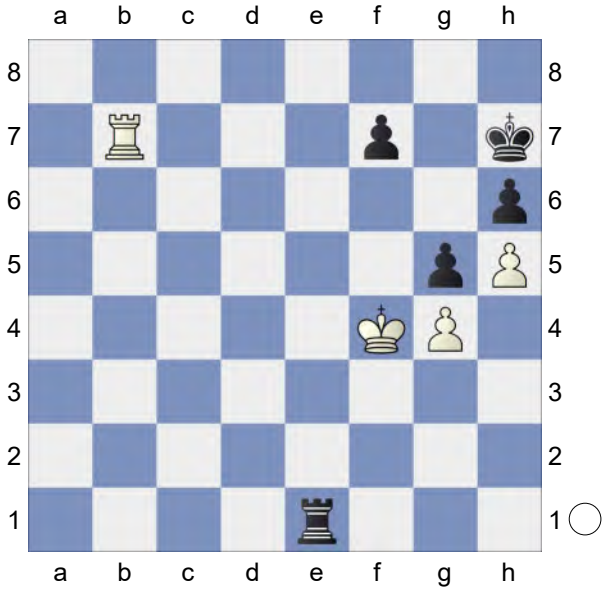


46.Rd7 Re4 47.Rb7 -0.56/30

[White should try 47.Re7= -0.01/24]

47...Rxe5∓ Black is slightly better.

48.Rxb6 Re3+ 49.Kf4 Re1 50.Rb7 g5+



51.hxg6+ Kxg6 52.Rb5 Ra1 53.Rc5 Ra4+ 54.Kg3 f6 55.Rb5 Re4

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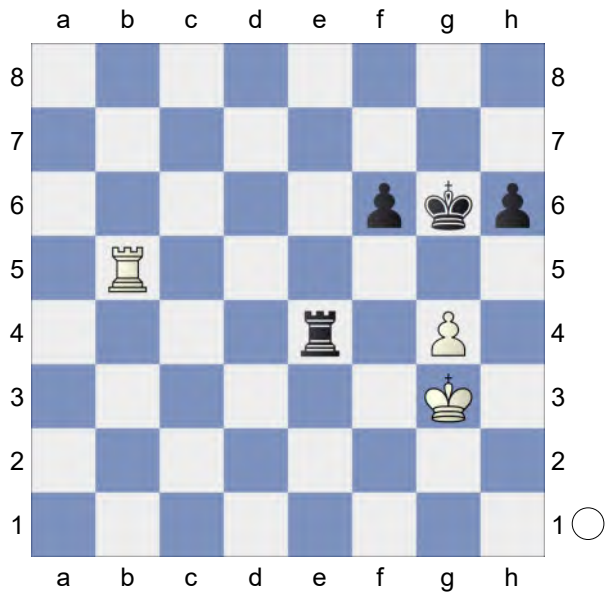
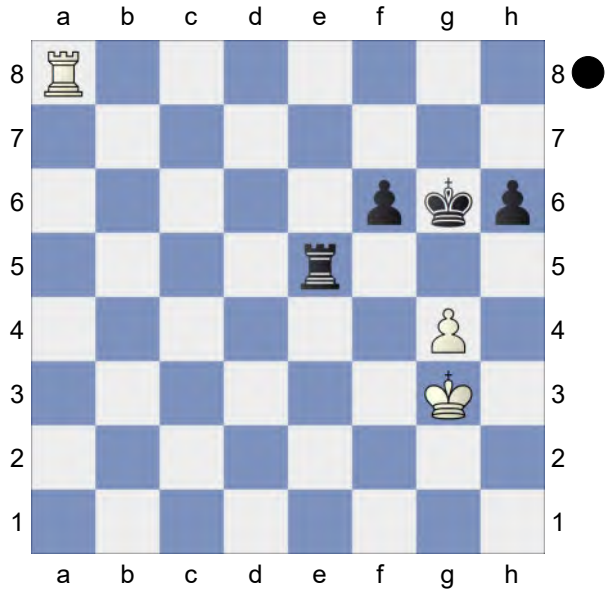


56.Ra5 Re5 57.Ra8



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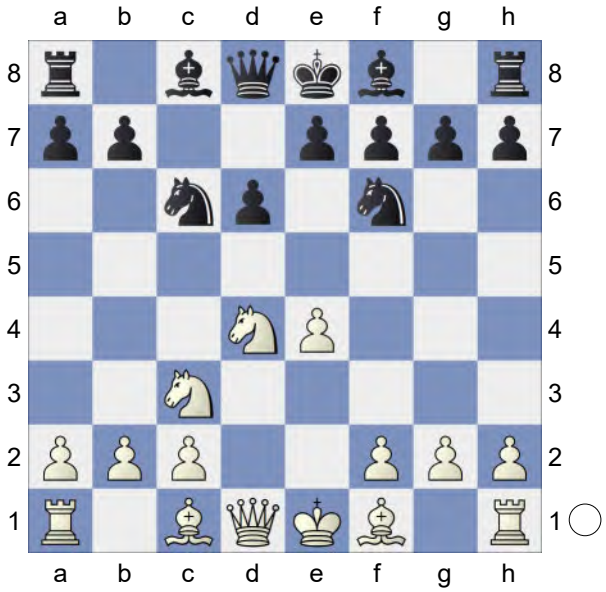
38 **B66**
□ **Shankland,S.** **2670**
■ **Giri,A.** **2728**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (8) 06.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B66: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 h6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6**

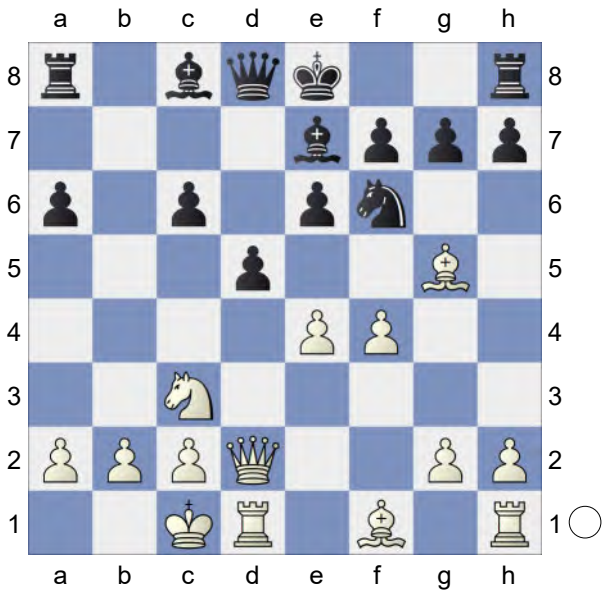


6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.f4N White is slightly better.

[10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Bc4 *(11.f4 Rb8 12.Kb1 Qb6 13.Na4 Qb4 14.Qxb4 Rxb4 15.Nc3 c5 16.a3 Rb8 17.Bd3 Bb7 18.Rhe1 Bc6 19.Bxa6 0-0 20.Bc4 Rb6 21.g3 Rfb8 22.b3 Bf8 23.a4 Rb4 24.Nb5 Bxb5 25.axb5 R4xb5* 1-0 Fayard,A (2117)-Aberbach Peltzman,A (1877) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early Chess.com INT blitz 2025 (5)) 11...h5 *(11...Bb7 12.Rhe1 h5 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.Kb1 d5 15.Bb3 h4 16.f4 Bb4 17.exd5 cxd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Rd8 20.c3 Be7 21.Bf3 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Qxf4 23.Qxa6 0-0 24.Qa7 Bd6 25.Qd4*

Qf5+ 26.Be4 1-0 Vaisman,V (2586)-Campos (2653) (ol) 97/207 Torino 2006 (4)*; 11...Qc7 12.Bb3 Bb7 13.Rhe1 0-0-0 14.Qe2 h5 15.Kb1 Kb8 16.f4 Rd7 17.a3 d5 18.Qf2 Rhd8 19.g3 c5 20.exd5 exd5 21.Qe2 d4 22.Na2 Bf8 23.Bc4 h4 24.Bxa6 hxg3 25.hxg3 Qb6 26.Bc4* 1-0 Sjugirov,S (2709)-Vetokhin,S (2350) RUS-ch Rapid Sochi 2022 (7)*)* 12.f4 a5 13.Bb3 Qb6 14.Rhf1 Rb8 15.f5 Bd7 16.Qd3 Rg8 17.fxe6 Bxe6 18.g3 Rg5 19.Rd2 Re5 20.Kb1 Qb4 21.Qa6 Rc5 22.a3 Qb7 23.Qxb7 Rxb7 24.Ka2 Re5 0-1 Vaishali,R (2449)-Sadhwani,R (2620) MPL Indian Chess Tour N3 chess24.com INT rapid 2022 (14)]

10...d5



11.Qe1 Rb8 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Bc4 0-0 14.Bb3 a5 15.Kb1 Bd7

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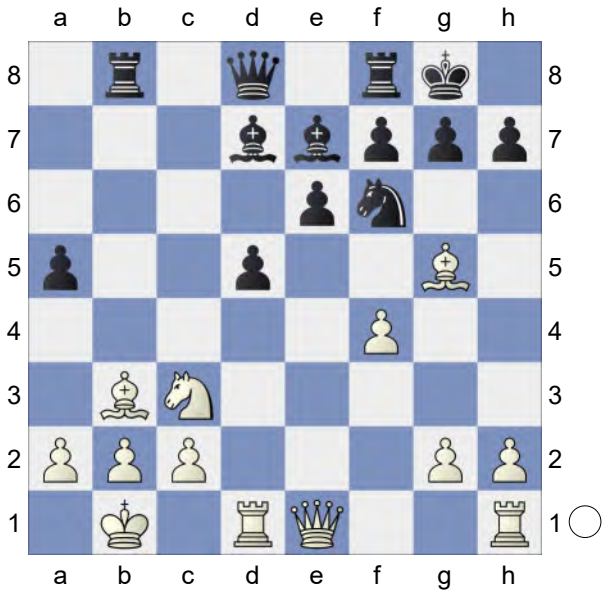

16.a4 Rb4 17.f5! Qb6

[17...exf5?! 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nxd5 Rxb3 *(19...Re8 20.Nxf6+ Qxf6 21.Rxd7+-)* 20.Nxf6+ *(20.cxb3 Bc6±)* 20...Qxf6 21.cxb3+-]

18.fxe6!

[18.Nxd5? exd5 19.Qxe7 Re8 *(19...Bxa4 20.Bxa4 Rxb2+ 21.Ka1=; 19...Bxf5 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Ka1-+)* 20.Bxf6 Rxe7 *(20...Bxa4 21.Qxb4 Qxb4 22.Bc3∓)* 21.Bxe7 Rxb3 22.cxb3 Bxf5+ *(22...Qxb3? 23.g4-+)* 23.Ka1 Qxb3-+]

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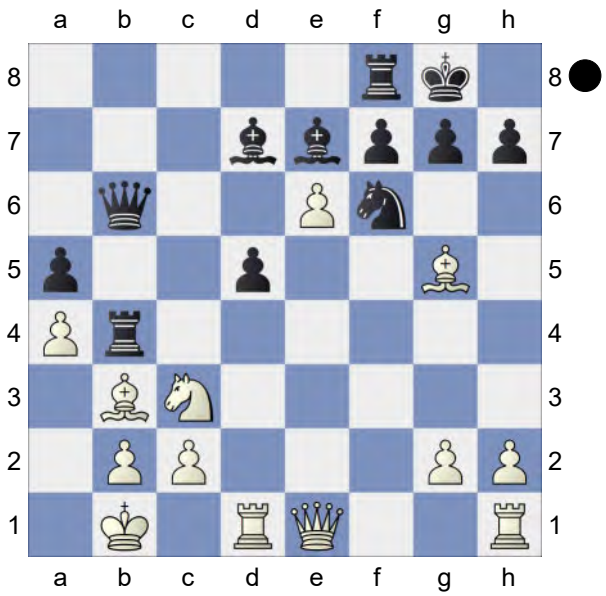
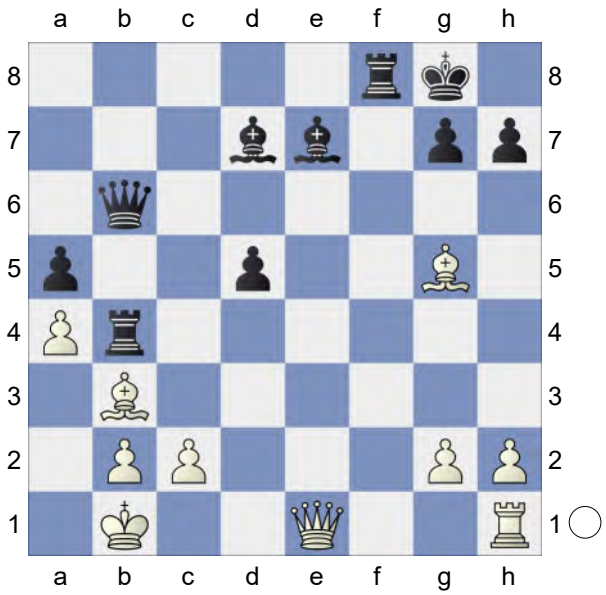


Remove Defender **18...fxe6 19.Rxd5?** -1.52/24 **Nxd5 20.Nxd5 exd5**



21.Qxe7

[21.Bxe7? Rxb3 22.cxb3 Re8-+]

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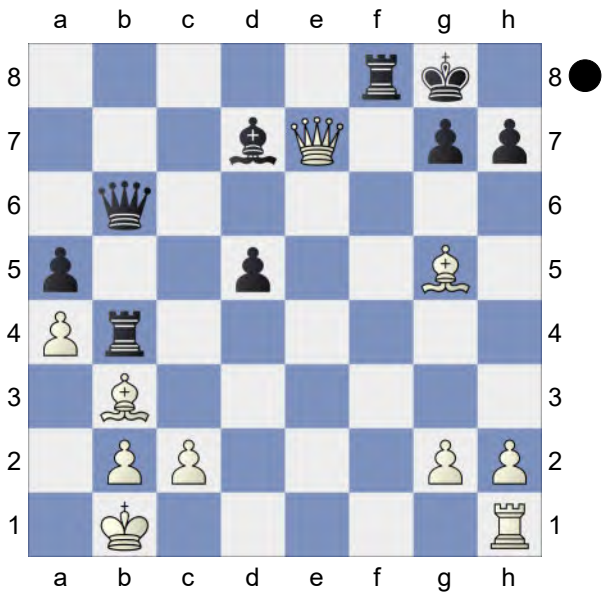


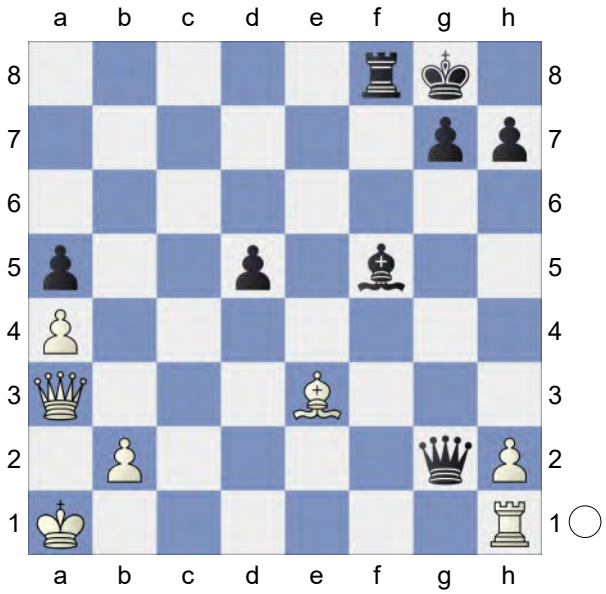
21...Rxb3

[21...Bxa4 22.Bxd5+]

22.cxb3 Bf5+ 23.Ka1 -1.54/21

[White should try 23.Ka2 -0.80/23 Bc2 24.b4 axb4 *(24...Qxb4 25.Qxb4 axb4 26.Be7=; 24...Bxa4 25.Qc5=)* 25.b3]

23...Qxb3 24.Qa3 White is weak on the light squares **24...Qc2** Black is much more active. **25.Be3 Qxg2**

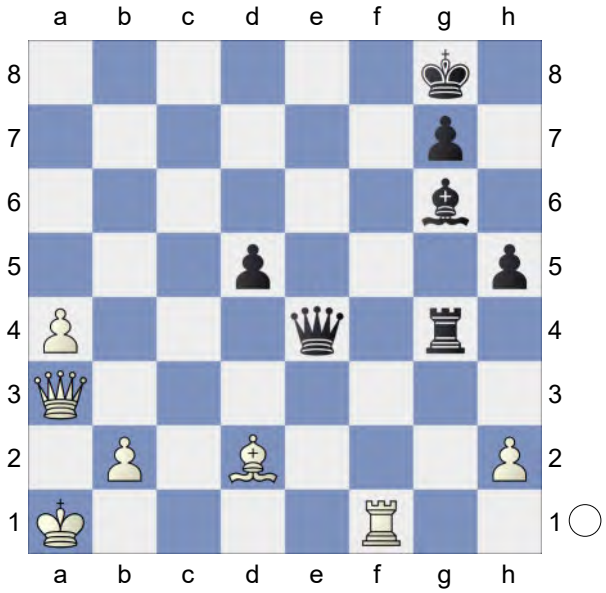


26.Rg1 Qe4

[26...Qxh2 27.Qe7 Bg6 28.Bd4=]

27.Bb6 -2.01/21

[27.Bd2∓ -1.44/20]
27...Bg6-+ Hoping for ...Rf8-f3. **28.Bxa5 Rf4** Strongly threatening ...Qe4-c4! **29.Bd2 Rg4** -1.26/21
[Black should play 29...Rh4-+ -1.73/21 30.Rc1 Qxa4 *(30...Rxh2 31.Rc8+ Be8 32.Qb4∓)* 31.Rc8+ Kf7 32.Rc7+ Ke8 *(32...Ke6 33.Re7+ Kf5 34.Ka2∓)*]
30.Rf1? -3.02/21 Loses the game.
[30.Rc1∓ -1.26/21 Qxa4 31.Rc8+ Kf7 32.Ka2]
30...h5
[Weaker is 30...Qxa4 31.Rf8#]



31.h3 Rg2 32.Ba5 Kh7 Threatens to win with ...Rg2-c2. **33.Qb4 Qd3 34.Rc1 Qxh3 35.Qb5 d4**

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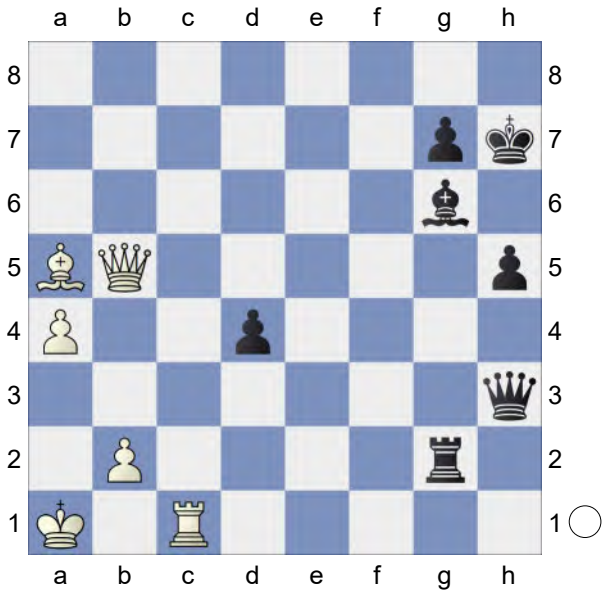
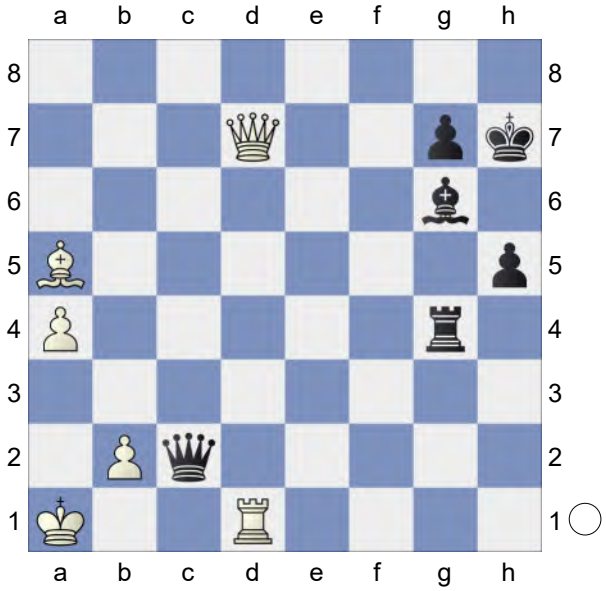


...d4-d3 is the strong threat. **36.Qd5 Qe3 37.Rd1** -24.07/21
[37.Qxg2 -2.91/21 Qxc1+ 38.Ka2]
37...Qe2 38.Qxd4 Rg4 39.Qd7 Qc2



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39 **D37**
□ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2741**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2739**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (8) 06.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

E07: Closed Catalan: Main Line (5 Nf3 0-0 6 0-0 Nbd7) **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7**

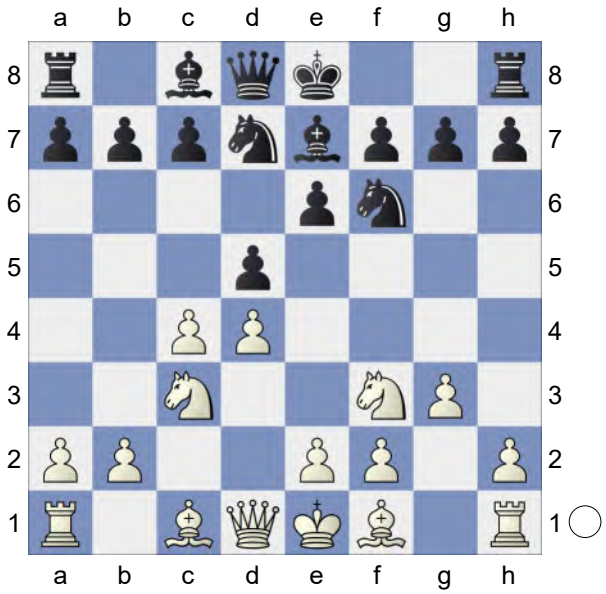
[4...dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 b4 *(10...Qc7 11.e4 b4 12.e5 bxc3 13.exf6 cxd4 14.Bxe6 0-0-0 15.Bh3 Bd6 16.Rxd4 Kb8 17.fxg7 Rhe8 18.Be3 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.bxc3 Bxg7 22.Rb1 Ka8 23.Bg4 Qd6 24.Bf3 Re7 25.Rd1* 1-0 Quintiliano Pinto,R (2509)-Rodi,L (2295) Caioba Rapid op 7th 2023 (5)*; 10...Qb6 11.e4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Ne5 13.a4 Rd8 14.a5 Qc7 15.Bf4 Qc5 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Rxd5 18.Nxe6 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 fxe6 20.Bxe5 Qc6 21.Qh5+ g6 22.Qg4* 1-0 Lundin,E-Ostling,N Stockholm-ch 1932 *)* 11.Na4 Qb8 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Bc2 0-0 15.b3 a5 16.Bb2 Ba6 17.Qe1 Nfe4 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Rac1 1-0 Ernst,H (2719)-Gauger,W (2639) ch-Women Marsailles FRA 2001 (3.5)]

5.g3N

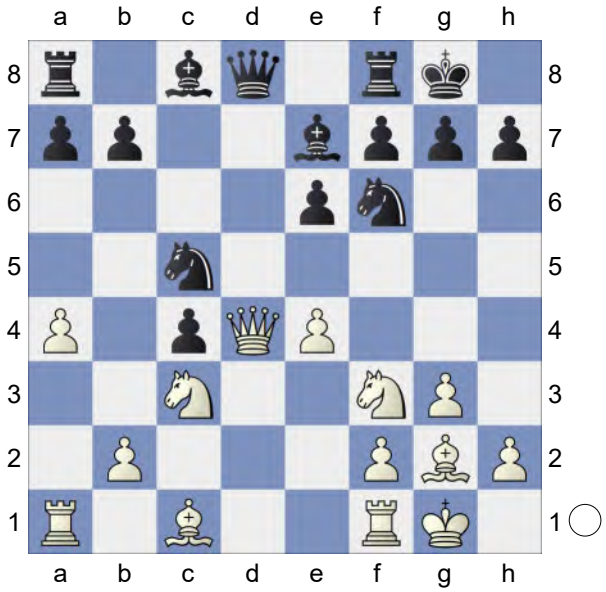
[5.Bg5 c6 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 b5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.f4 g6 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Bb1 0-0 17.Qd4 Rfc8 18.Rfd1 Rc7 19.b4 Na4 0-1 Becker,A-Boros,S DSV in der CSR-ch13 Meisterklasse Bad Liebwerda 1934 (5)]

5...Be7

(Diagram)



6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 dxc4 8.a4 c5 9.e4 Prevents Nf6-d5. **9...cxd4 10.Qxd4 Nc5**



11.Qxc4 Qd3 12.Qb4 a5 13.Qa3 Qd8 14.Rd1 Qb6 15.Be3 Ng4

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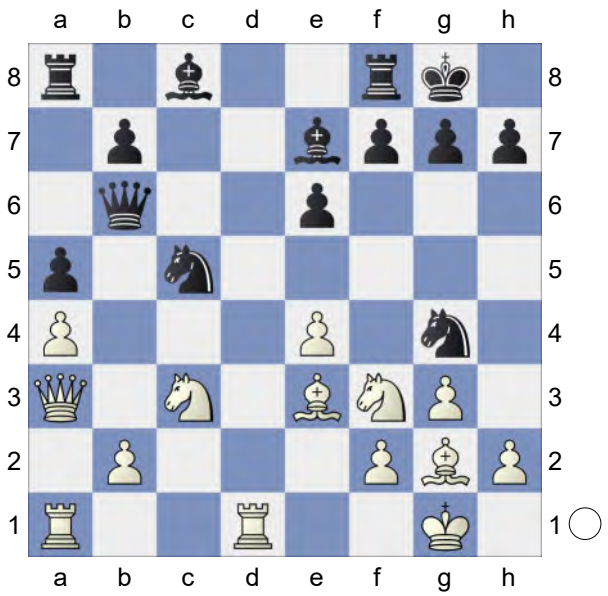
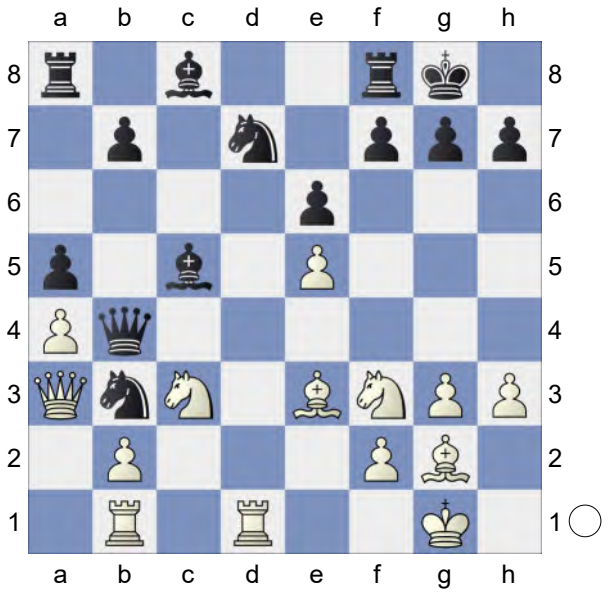


White must now prevent ...Ng4xe3. **16.Bd4 Qb4! 17.h3 Nf6 18.e5** And now Qa3xb4 would win. **18...Nfd7 19.Rab1 Nb3** 0.54/22

[19...Qxa3= 0.17/19 should be considered. 20.bxa3 Rb8]

20.Be3± Bc5

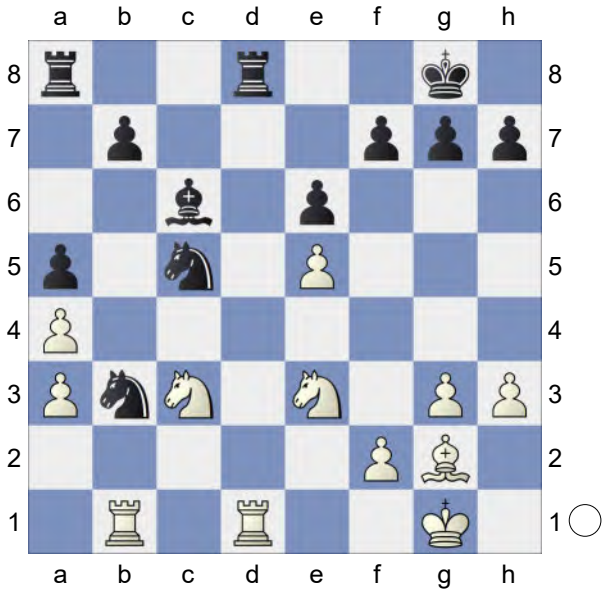


21.Bxc5 Ndxc5 22.Ne1 Threatens to win with Ne1-c2.

[22.Nd2!?]

22...Bd7 23.Nc2 Qxa3 24.bxa3 Strongly threatening Bg2-f1. **24...Bc6 25.Ne3 Rfd8**

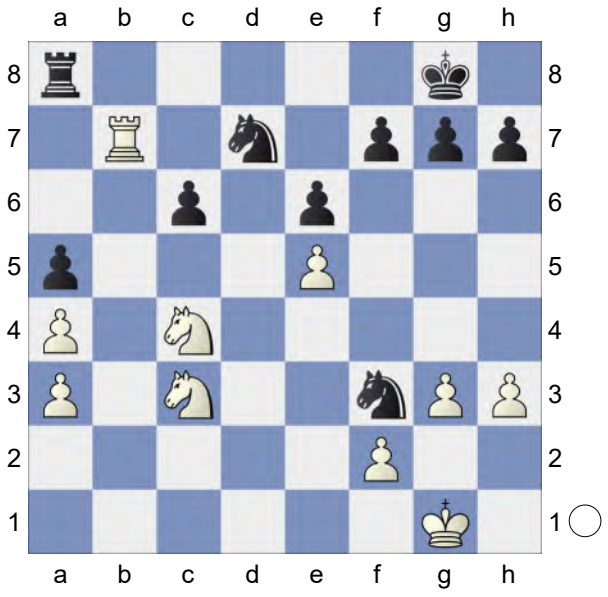
[25...Bxa4? perishes. 26.Nxa4 Rab8 27.Nxc5 Nxc5 28.Nc4+-]



26.Nc4 Prevents Nb3-d2 **26...Rd4 27.Rxd4 Nxd4 28.Bxc6 bxc6 29.Rb6** -0.23/23

[⌓29.Kg2 0.27/20]

29...Nd7= 30.Rb7 Nf3+



31.Kg2 Nfxe5 32.Nd6 Nc5 33.Rc7 Na6 34.Rb7 Nc5 35.Rc7 Na6

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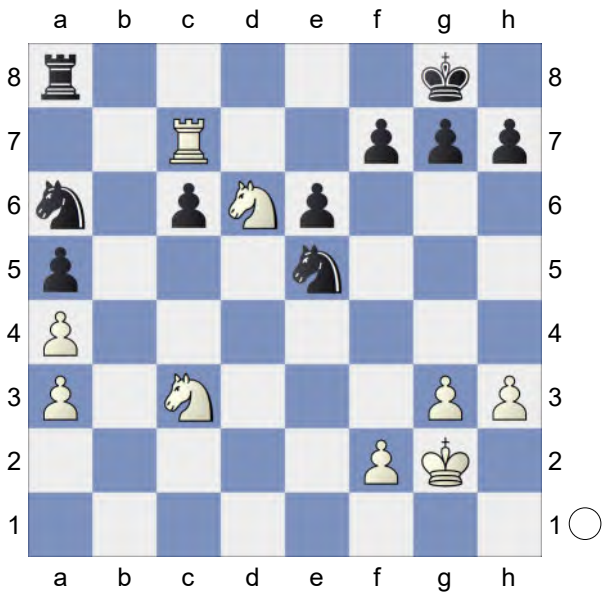
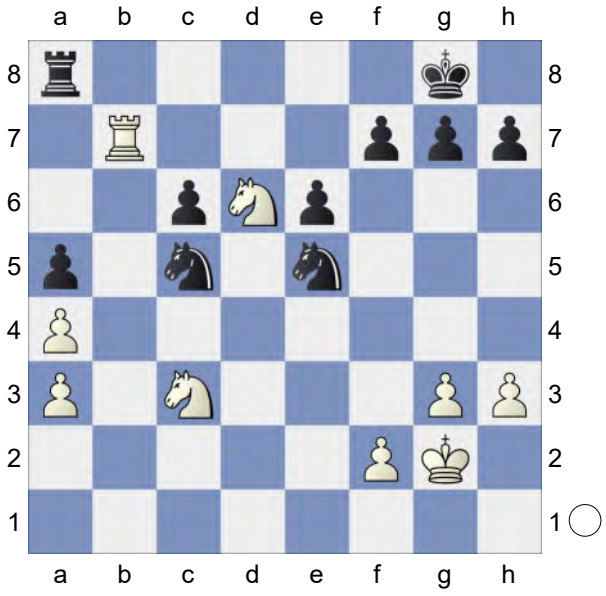


36.Rb7 Nc5



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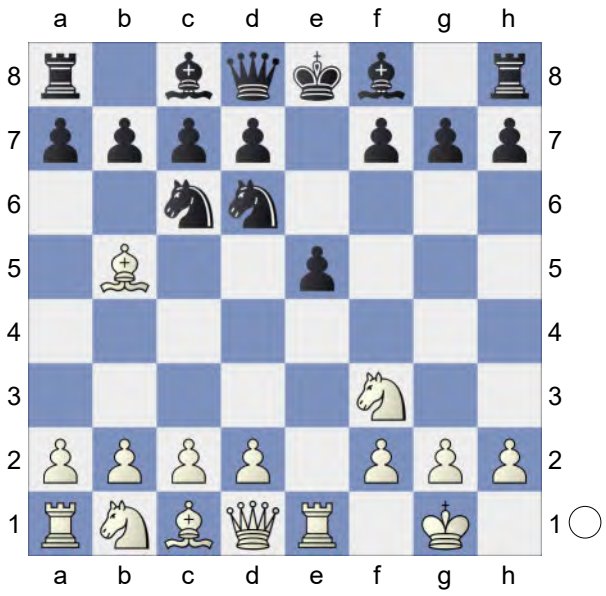
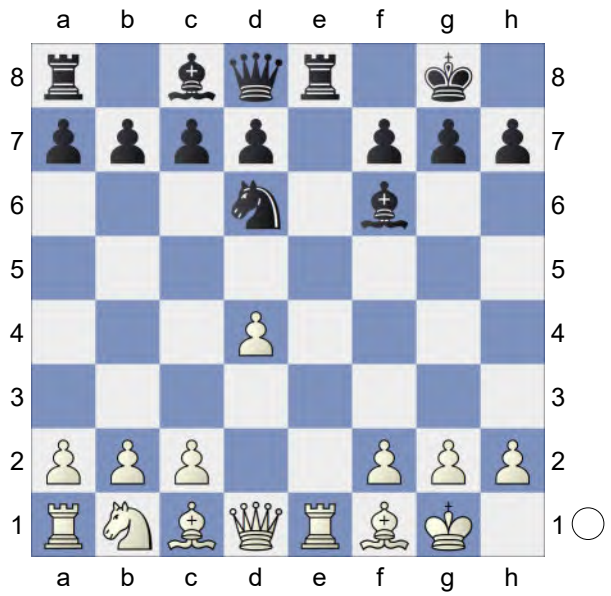
40 **C67**
□ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR.** **2729**
■ **Navara,D.** **2677**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (8) 06.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 Kramnik used to be a difficult opponent for Magnus, but while the balance had obviously changed, 2016 had become an extreme, the score being 7-0 with no draws before this game! Only 1 was classical chess, but even so, quite an extraordinary situation between the world ranking nos. 1 and 2! Inf 109/(190)
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6



6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1 Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.d4 Bf6 10.Re1 Re8

(Diagram)



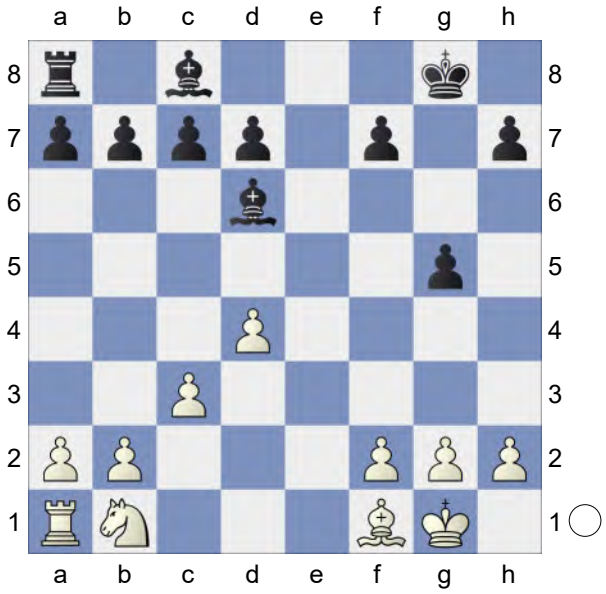
11.c3 Rxe1 12.Qxe1 Qe7 White has an edge.

[12...Ne8 13.Bf4 *(13.a4 a5 14.d5 d6 15.Nd2 Bf5 16.Ne4 Bxe4 17.Qxe4 g6 18.Bb5 Ng7 19.Bd2 Qe7 20.Qc4 g5 21.Re1 Be5 22.g3 Qd8 23.Qg4 h6 24.f4 f5 25.Qh3 gxf4 26.gxf4 Bf6 27.Qxh6 Kf7* 1-0 Kumari,P (2582)-Mecelica,E (2548) 2009 (1.2)*)* 13...d5 14.Bd3 g6 15.Nd2 Ng7 16.Nf1 Bf5 17.Bxf5 Nxf5 18.Ne3 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Qd7 20.Re1 c6 21.Bh6 Bg7 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qe7 Rd8 24.h4 h5 25.Re3 b6 26.Qe5+ Kg8 27.Kh2 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2855)-Kramnik,V (2812) Leuven GCT blitz 2016 (14)]

13.Qxe7 Bxe7 14.Bf4 g5 15.Bxd6N

[15.Bg3 Ne8 16.Nd2 d6 17.Re1 Kf8 18.Bd3 h6 19.f4 Ng7 20.fxg5 hxg5 11 Latvian Gambit (2662)-Hafner, R (2639) Chapter 3 (1) Game 21.Bf2 Be6 22.c4 d5 23.c5 a5 24.Bg3 c6 25.a4 Bd8 26.Bd6+ Ke8 27.Nf3 f6 28.h4 g4 29.h5 gxf3 30.Bg6+ Kd7 31.h6 Bc7 32.Bxc7 Nf5 33.Bxf5 Bxf5 34.Bd6 Re8 35.Rf1 Re3 2 Chapter Cg-Games Chapter 8 CG Game]

15...Bxd6



16.Nd2 Bf4 0.83/23

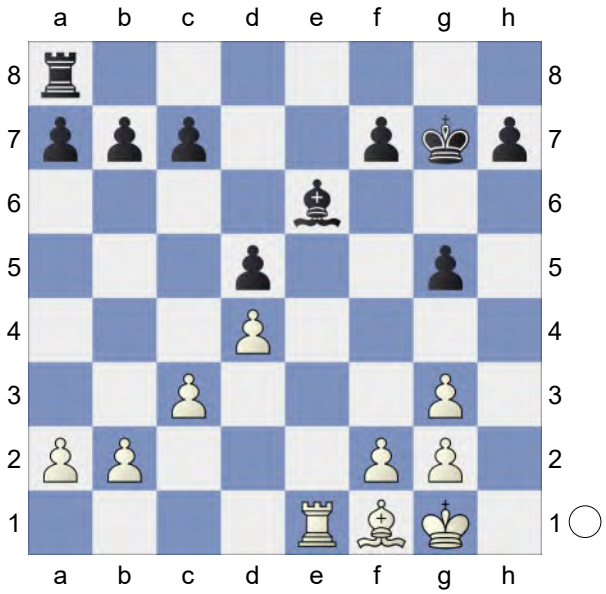
[16...Kf8= 0.18/19 remains equal.]

17.Ne4± Kg7 18.Re1 0.17/22

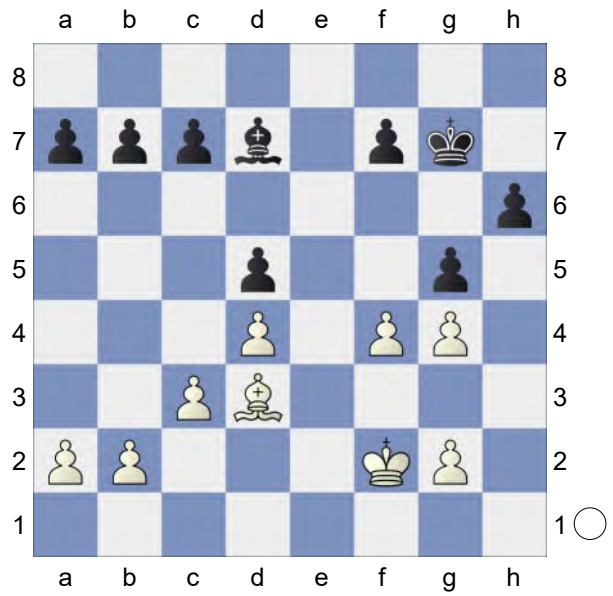
[18.g3± 0.59/22 might be stronger. f5 19.Re1 *(19.gxf4 fxe4 20.f3 gxf4=)*]

18...d5= 19.Ng3 Bxg3 The position is equal. **20.hxg3** Endgame. KRB-KRB

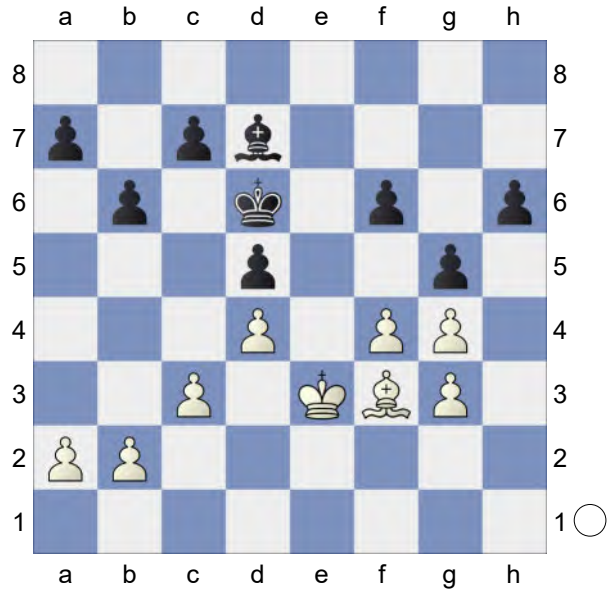
20...Be6



21.Bd3 h6 22.f4 Re8 23.Kf2 Bd7 24.Rxe8 Bxe8 KB-KB **25.g4 Bd7** (Diagram)



26.Kf3 Kf6 27.g3 b6 28.Be2 Ke7 29.Ke3 Kd6 30.Bf3 f6



31.Be2 Be6 32.Bf3 Bd7

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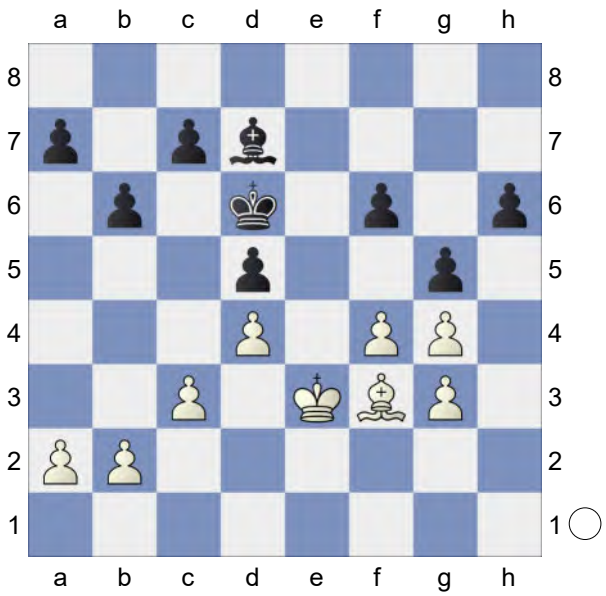

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41 **C89**

□ **Nguyen,Thai Dai Van** **2668**

■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2731**

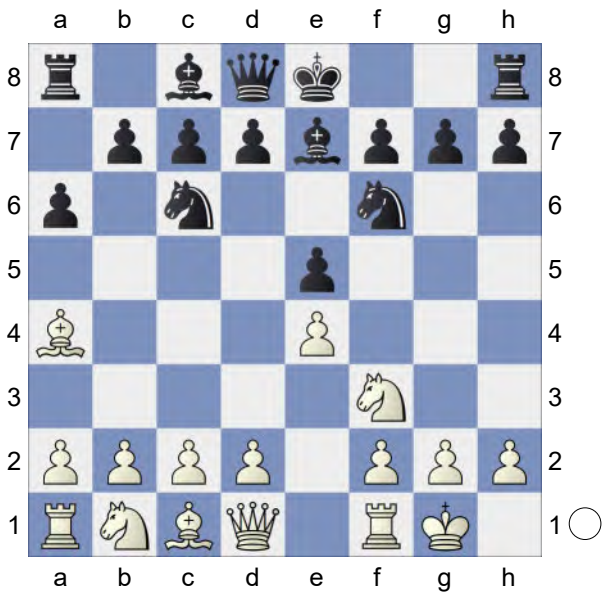
7th Prague Masters 2025 (9) 07.03.2025

[Kitty Kat]

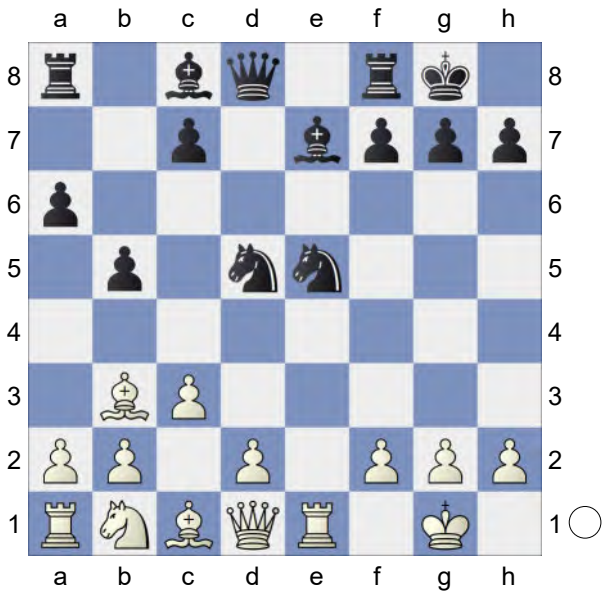
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7

(Diagram)



6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5



11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d3 Bf5 14.Qf3

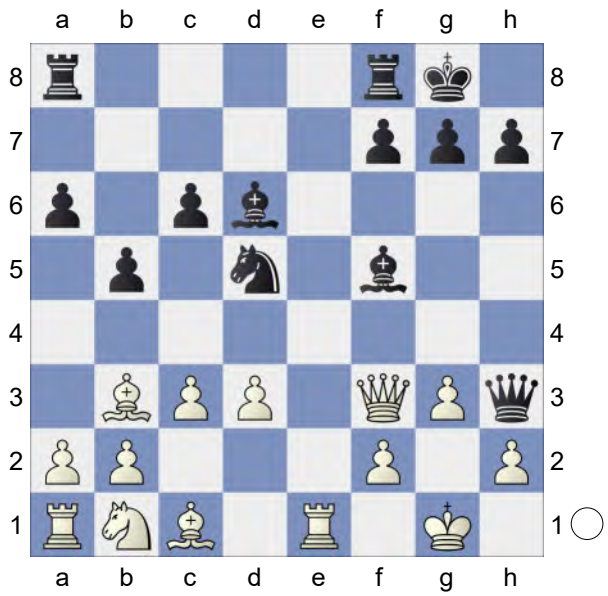
[14.g3 simplifies Re8 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.a4]

14...Qh4 15.g3

[15.Bxd5 Bxh2+ *(15...Bg4 16.g3∓)* 16.Kf1 Bg4∓]

15...Qh3

(Diagram)

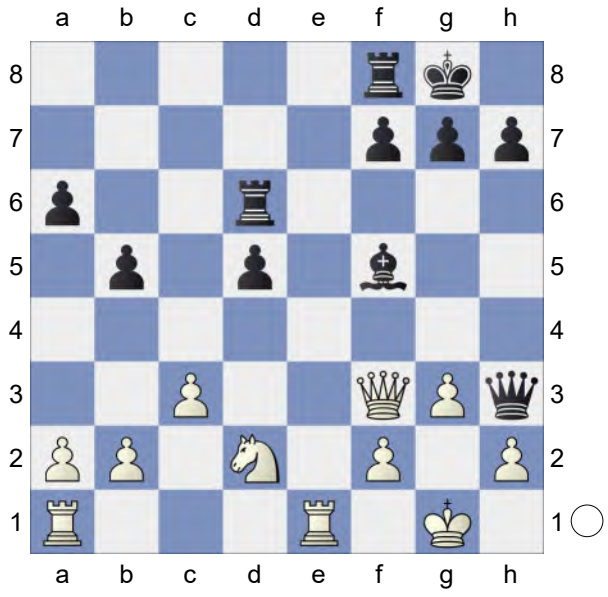


16.Be3 Bxd3 White has an edge.

17.Nd2 Bf5 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Bf4

[19.Qxd5 Rfd8 20.Qf3 Bg4 21.Qg2 b4 22.f3 bxc3 23.fxg4 ½-½ Areshchenko,A (2632)-Keymer,V (2700) Bundesliga 2223 Germany 2022 (3.2)]

19...Rad8 20.Bxd6 Rxd6



21.Re5 Bg4N

[21...Be6 22.Nb3 f6 23.Ree1 d4 24.Qf4 Rd5 25.Nxd4 Rh5 26.Nxe6 Qxh2+ 27.Kf1 Qh3+ 28.Ke2 Qxe6+ 29.Kd2 Qd5+ 30.Qd4 Rd8 31.Qxd5+

Rhxd5+ 32.Kc1 g5 33.a4 Kf7 34.f4 g4 35.axb5 axb5 36.Ra6 0-1 Weiawaga (2764)-Arasanx (3051) Rapid 2024]

22.Qd3 -0.60/19

[22.Qe3= 0.01/22]

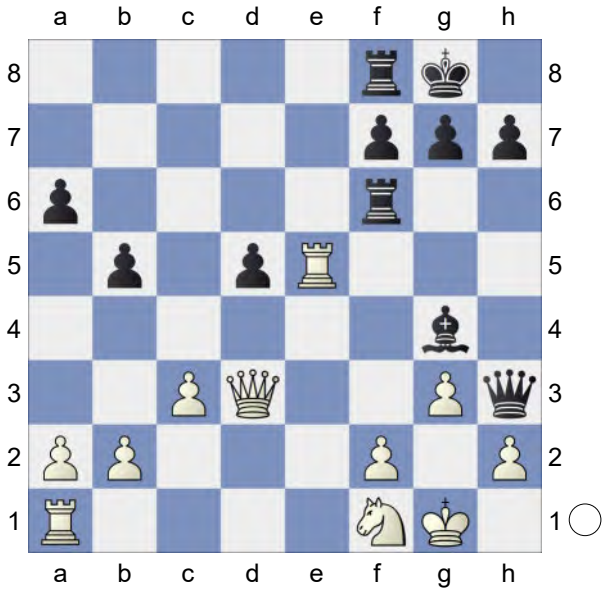
22...Rh6 0.01/24

[22...Be6∓ -0.60/19]

23.Nf1= Rf6 -0.01/21

[23...Bd7∓ -0.58/21]

24.Nd2 Rh6 25.Nf1 Rf6½

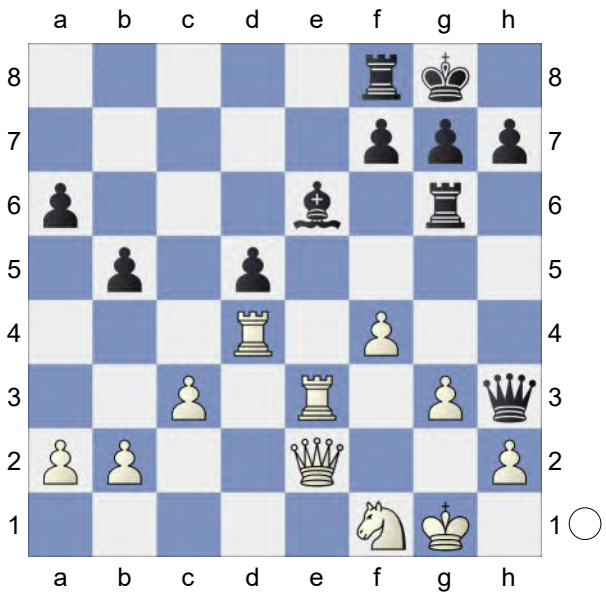


Black puts up resistance **26.Re3** -0.79/18 Prevents Bg4-f3

[26.Nd2= 0.01/21]

26...Bf5∓ 27.Qe2 Be6 28.Rd1 Rg6 29.Rd4 Rg4 30.f4 Rg6

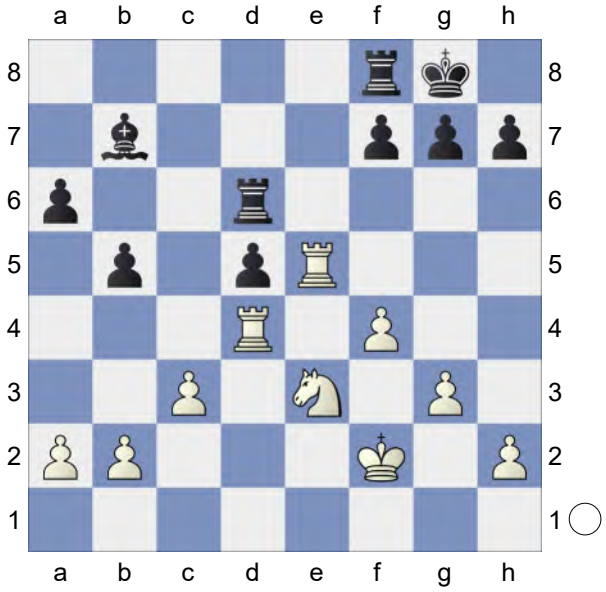
(Diagram)



31.Re5 Bg4 32.Qg2 Qxg2+ 33.Kxg2 Bc8 34.Kf2

[34.Rexd5? Bb7 35.Ne3 Rd6-+ *(35...Bxd5+ 36.Nxd5 Kh8 37.Nb4-+)*]

34...Bb7 35.Ne3 Rd6



36.Nxd5

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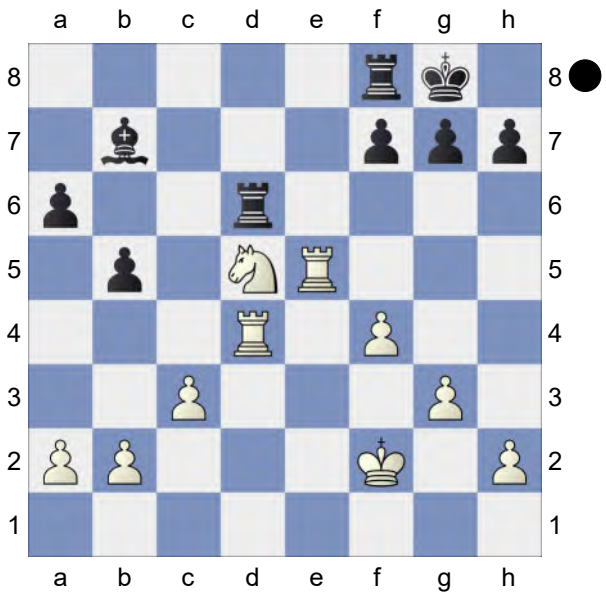
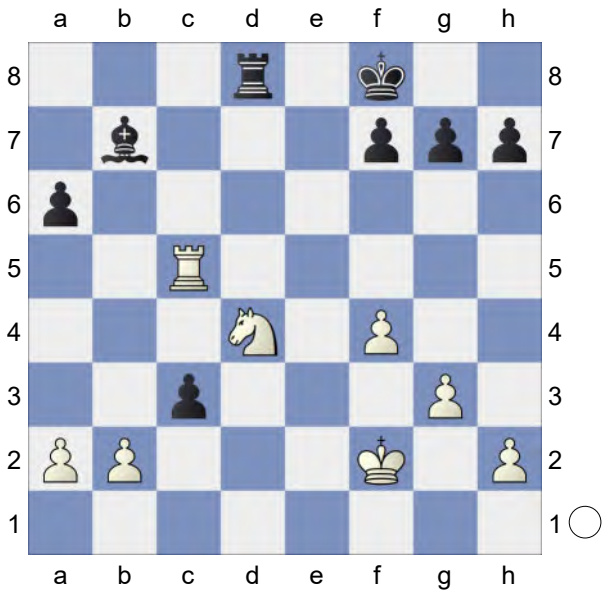


Threatens to win with Nd5-e7+.
36...Rfd8 37.Ne7+ Kf8 38.Nf5 Rxd4 39.Nxd4± Endgame. KRB-KRN **39...b4 40.Rc5 bxc3**



41.bxc3 Rd7 42.Ke3 f6 43.Rc4 Ke7 44.Nb3 h5 45.Rd4 Rc7

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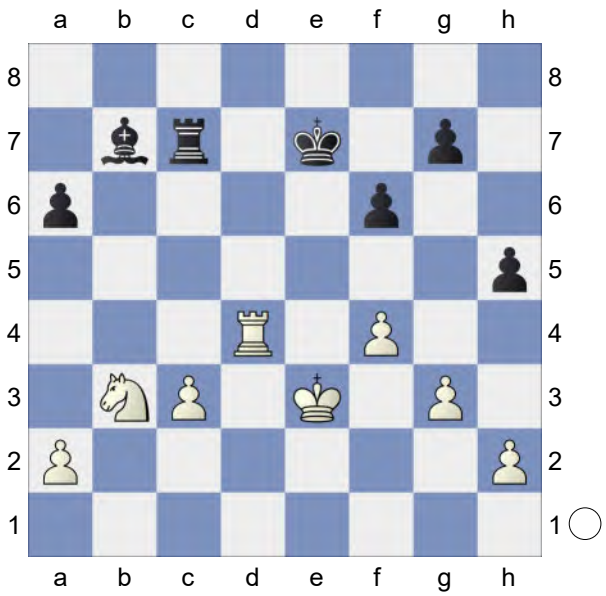
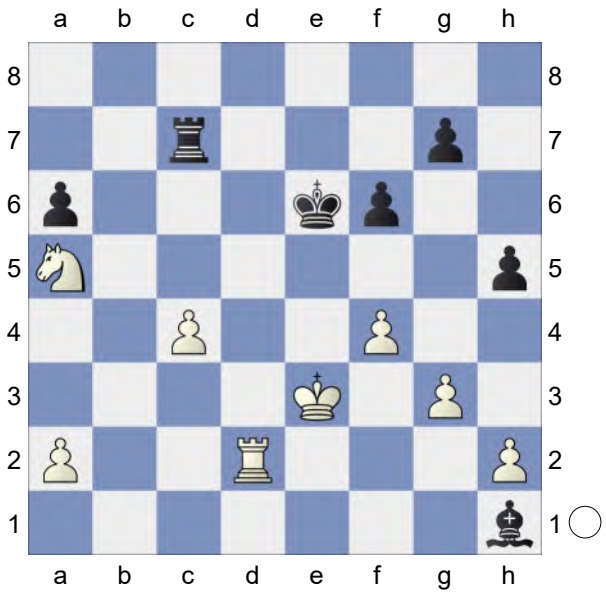


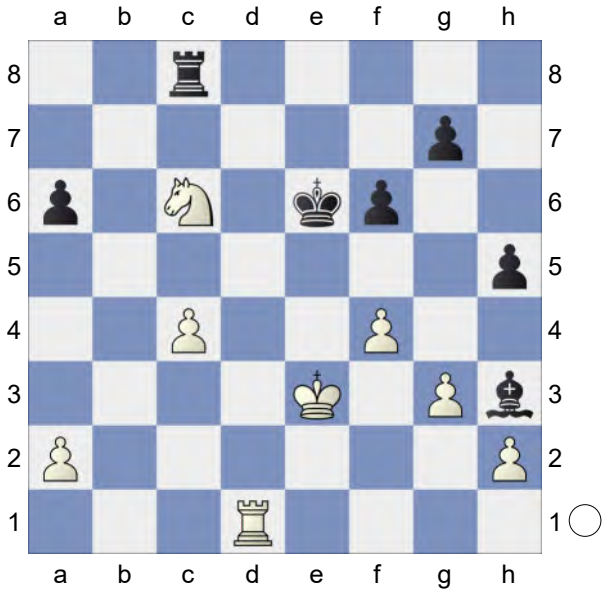
46.c4 Ke6 47.Na5 Bg2 48.Rd2 Bh1 49.Rd1 Bg2 50.Rd2 -0.01/20
[50.Rg1± 1.12/21 Ba8 51.Kd4]
50...Bh1=



51.Rd1 0.01/21
[51.Kd4± 1.05/22]
51...Bg2 52.Rg1 Bh3 1.56/20
[⌓52...Ba8 1.15/21]
53.Rc1 1.11/19
[⌓53.Kd4 1.56/20]
53...Re7 1.51/22
[⌓53...g5 1.11/19]
54.Nc6 1.01/21

[White should try 54.Kd4 1.51/22]

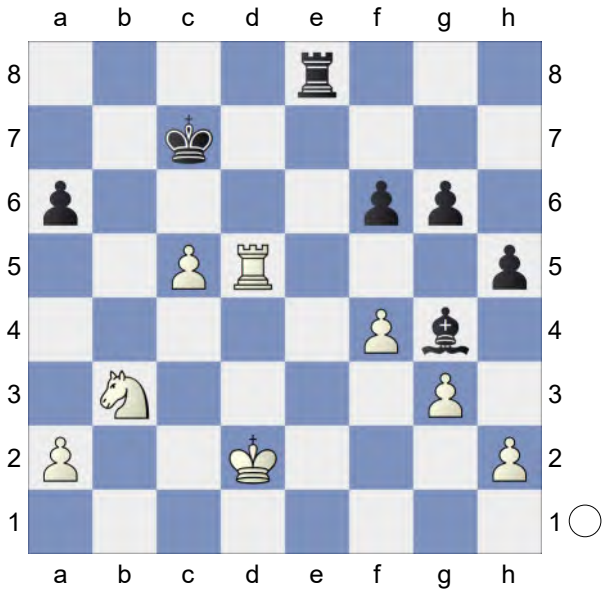
54...Re8 55.Rd1 Rc8



56.Nd4+ Kd6 57.Nb3+

[57.Nf5+ Ke6 58.Nd4+ *(58.Nxg7+ Kf7=)* 58...Kd7]

57...Kc7 58.Rd5 Re8+ 59.Kd2 g6 60.c5 Bg4



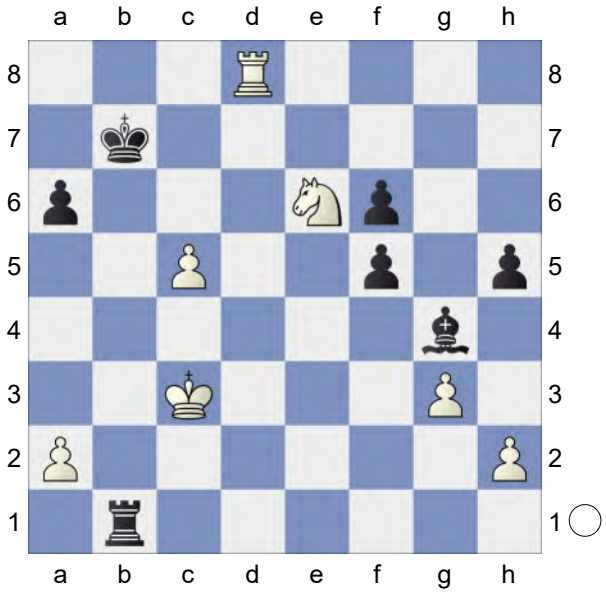
61.Nd4 Dodges Re8-e2+. And now Rd5-d6 would win. **61...Rb8 62.Kc3** Dodges Rb8-b2 **62...Rb1 63.f5 gxf5 64.Ne6+**

[64.Nxf5 Rc1+ 65.Kb3 Bf3∓]

64...Kc8 2.28/22

[64...Kb8± 1.36/23 might work better. 65.Rd8+ Kb7]

65.Rd8+ Kb7



66.Rd7+ Kc8 2.16/21

[66...Kb8± 1.55/21 67.Rf7 Ra1]

67.Rd8+? 0.01/5

[67.Rd6+- 2.16/21 aiming for Kc3-c2! Rc1+ 68.Kb2]

67...Kb7 68.Rd7+? -0.01/20

[68.Nd4± 1.60/20]

68...Kc8 69.Rc7+ 1.18/5

[Better is 69.Rd6+- 2.23/21 Strongly threatening Kc3-c2! Rc1+ 70.Kb2]

69...Kb8± ...f5-f4! would now be deadly.

70.Rf7 Rc1+

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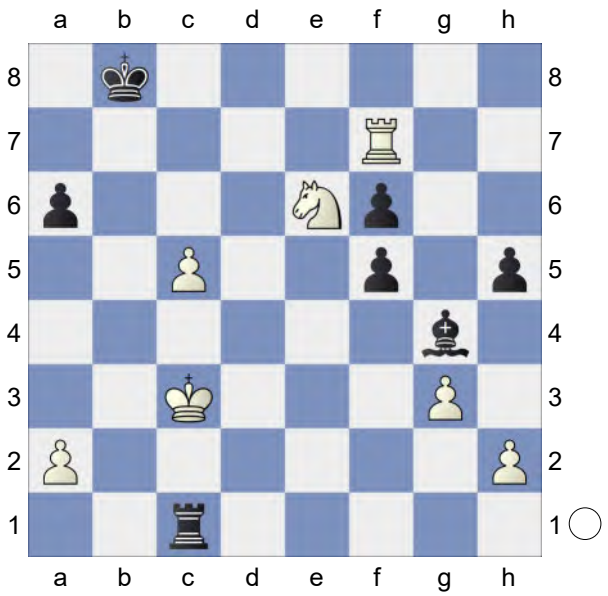
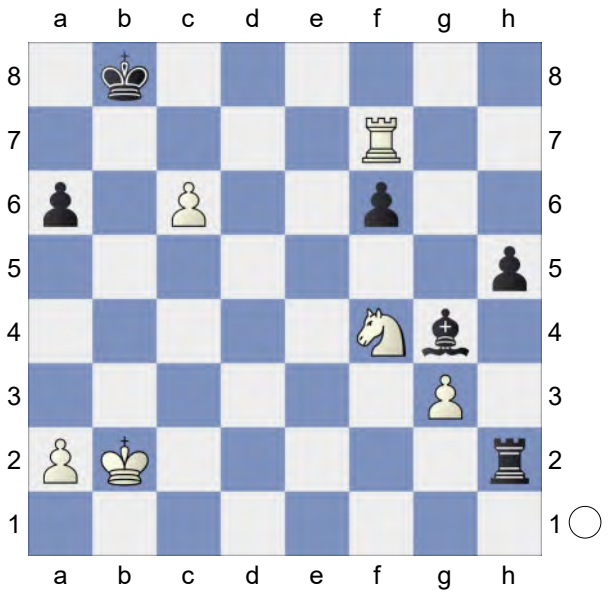


71.Kb2 Rh1 72.c6 c6-c7+ would kill now. **72...f4 73.Nxf4** White has more active pieces. **73...Rxh2+**



74.Kc3! Bf3 1.68/19 Against Nf4-d5

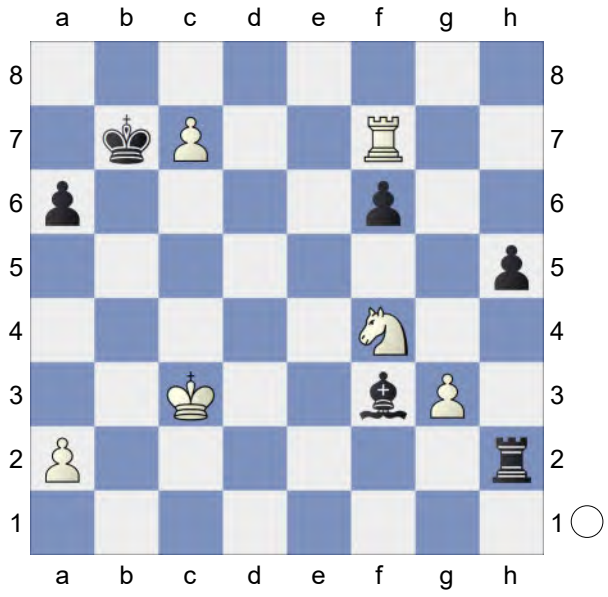
[74...Rxa2± 1.24/21 75.Rb7+ *(75.Rxf6 Ra3+ 76.Kd4 Rxg3=)* 75...Kc8]

75.c7+ 0.32/22

[Of course not 75.Rxf6?! Bh1±]

[75.Rf8++- 1.68/19 Kc7 76.Ne6+ *(76.Rxf6 Bxc6 77.a3 h4=)* 76...Kxc6 77.Nd4+ *(77.Rxf6 Bg4=)* 77...Kd5 78.Nxf3 Rxa2 79.Rxf6]

75...Kb7±



76.Ne6 White wants to mate with Rf7-f8.

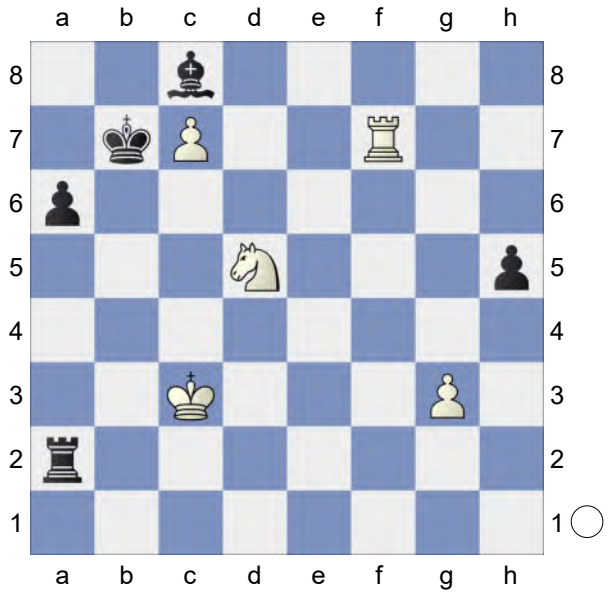
76...Bg4 77.Nc5+ Kb6 78.Ne4 Rxa2 79.Nxf6 0.07/22

[79.Rg7± 0.67/21 Be6 80.Nd6 *(80.Nxf6 Ra5±)*]

79...Bc8 80.Nd5+

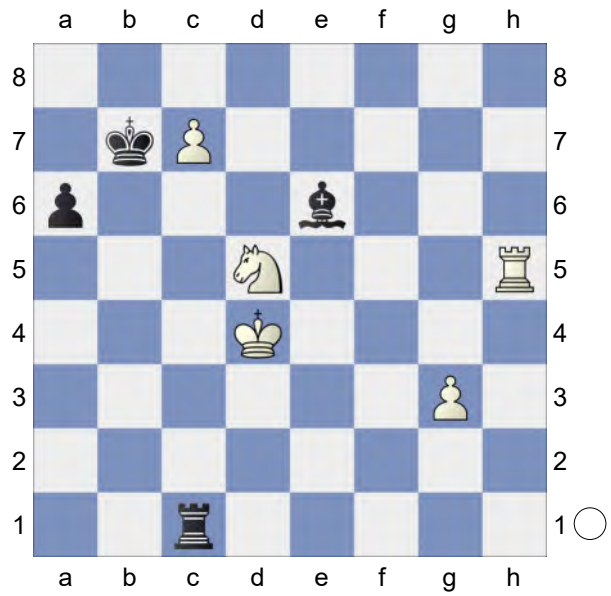
[80.Nxh5 Kb7 81.Re7 Ra3+ 82.Kb2 Ra5±]

80...Kb7

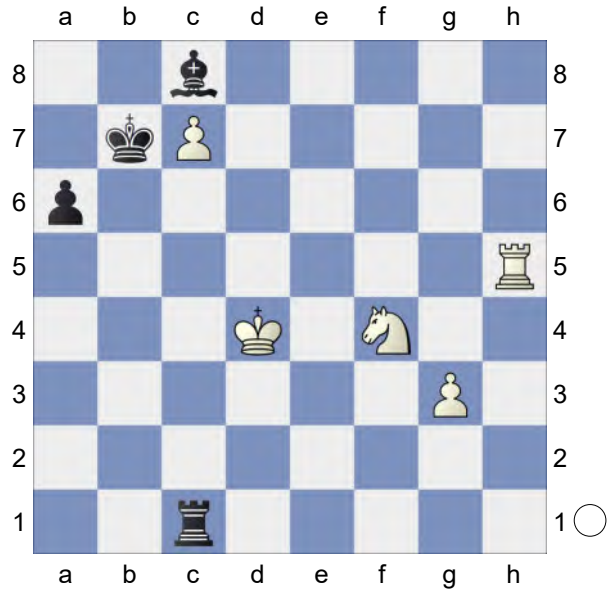


81.Rf6 Black must now prevent Rf6-b6+.

81...Ra1 82.Kd4 Rc1 83.Rh6 Bg4 84.Rh8 Bc8 85.Rxh5 Be6



86.Nf4 Bc8 87.Nd5 Be6 88.Nf4 Bc8



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½-½

42 **B40**
□ **Navara,D.** **2677**
■ **Shankland,S.** **2670**
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B45: Sicilian Four Knights **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4**
[4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 d6 10.Qe2 Qa5 11.a3 Ng6 12.b4 Qc7 13.Bg3 Be7 14.Rac1 0-0 15.Ba2 Qb8 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.f4 Bf6 18.Qh5 b5 0-1 Neikirkh,O (2580)-Olsen,J (2660) USSR 37/353 1984 (6)]
4...Nf6
[4...Nc6 5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 44/01 2001]
5.Nc3N
[5.Bd3 d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 a6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Rc1 b6 11.f3 Bb7 12.Qe1 0-0 13.Qf2 Rac8 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Bf1 Bd8 16.b3 Bc7 17.Qh4 Ne5 18.Bg5 Bd8 19.Qh3 Nc6 4 Chapter-Game Chapter 1-21 Game]
5...Nc6

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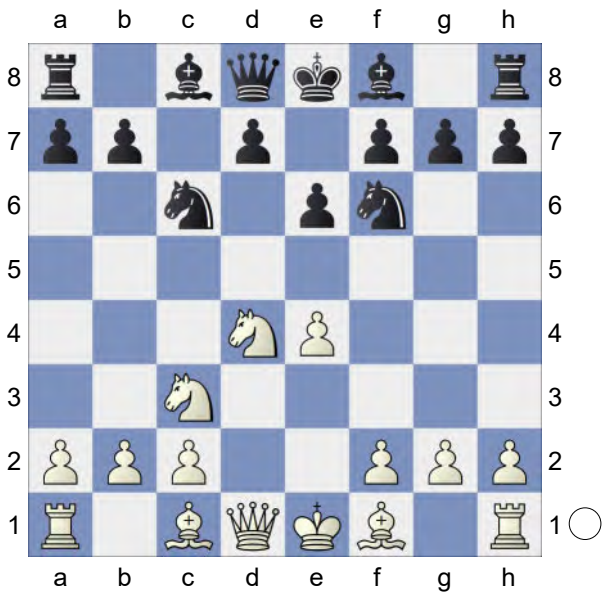
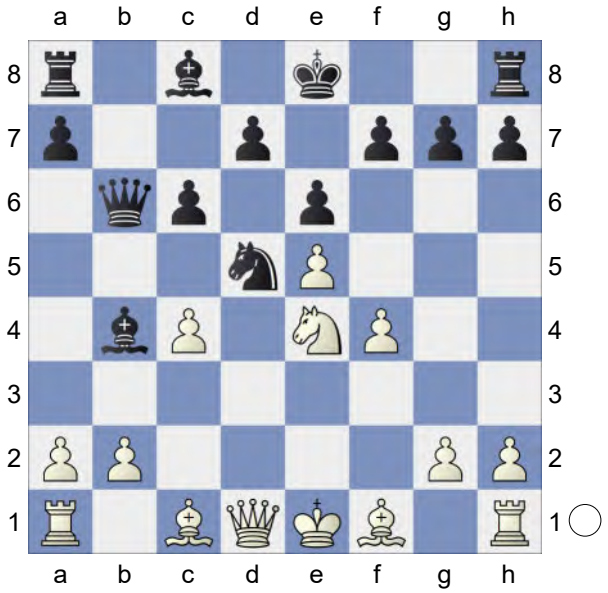


6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Ne4 Qc7 9.f4 Qb6 10.c4 Bb4+



11.Ke2 f5 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Be3 Really sharp! **13...Qd8 14.Nd6+ Bxd6** White is slightly better. **15.Qxd6 Bb7**

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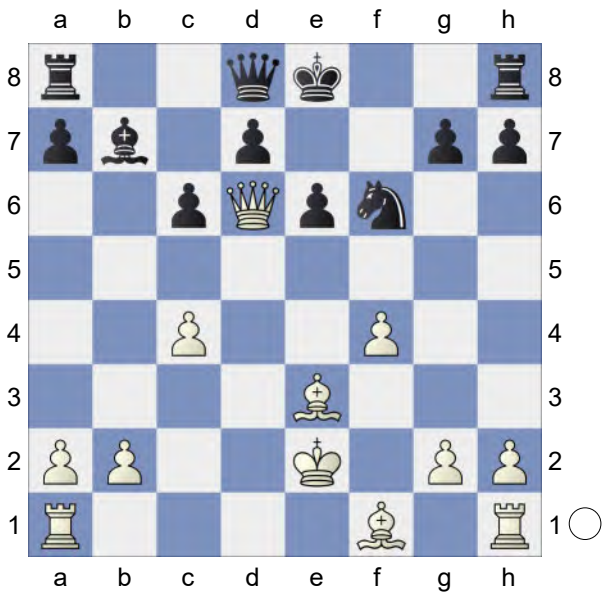
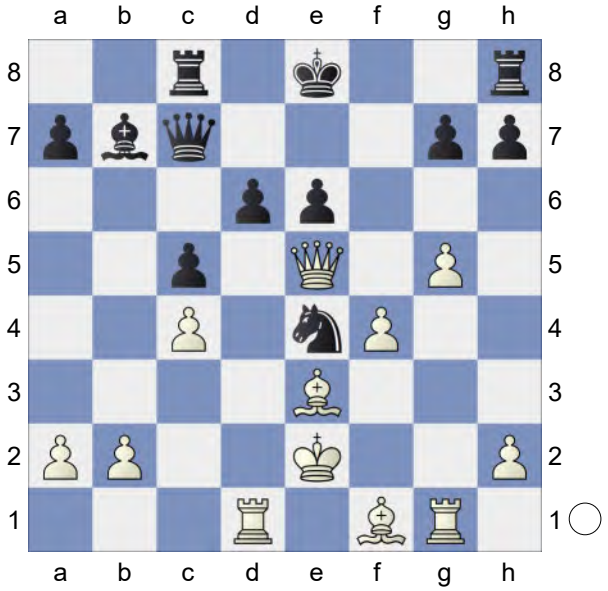


Black is weak on the dark squares **16.Rd1 Rc8 17.g4** And now g4-g5 would win. White is much more active. **17...c5 18.Rg1 Qc7 19.g5**

[19.Qxc7 simplifies Rxc7 20.g5 Ne4 21.Bg2]

19...Ne4 20.Qe5 d6

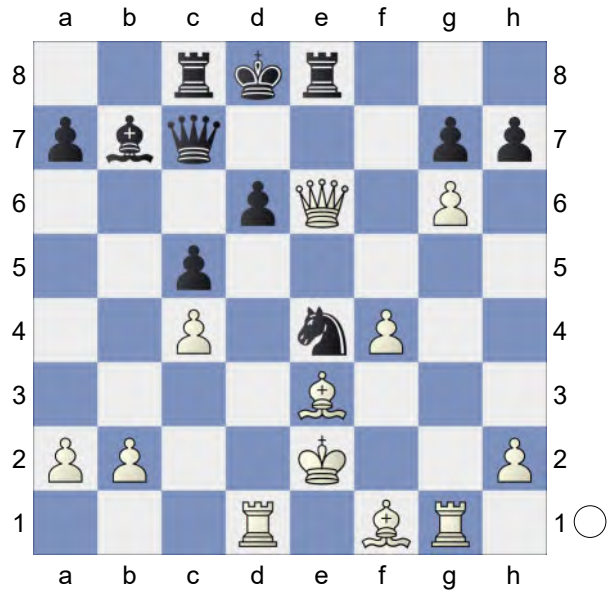


21.Qxe6+ Kd8! 22.g6↑ White has some pressure.

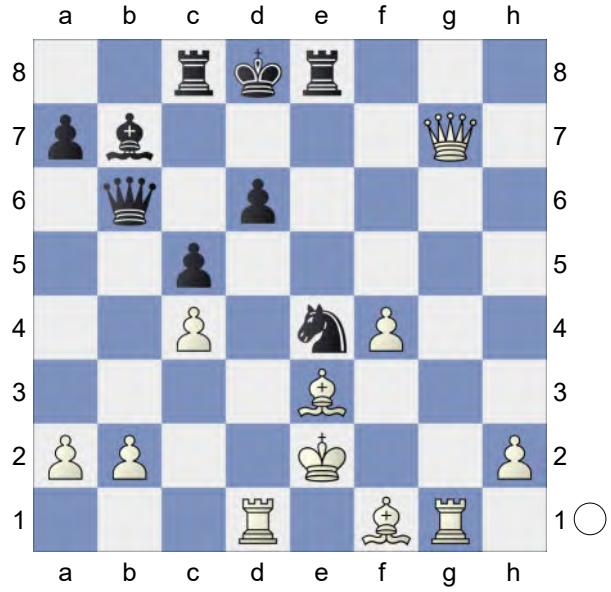
[22.Bg2!? Re8□ 23.Qh3±]

22...Re8 1.17/20

[22...hxg6± 0.55/21 23.f5 *(23.Rxg6 Re8+-; 23.Qxg6 Qd7±)* 23...Qb6]



23.gxh7!± Rxe6 24.h8Q+
[24.h8R+? perishes. Re8 25.Rh7 Rg8-+ *(25...Qb6? 26.Rgxg7 Bc6 27.Bh3-+)*]
24...Re8 25.Qxg7 Black must now prevent Bf1-h3. **25...Qb6!**



...Rc8-c7 would now be deadly. **26.Rg6 Rc7**

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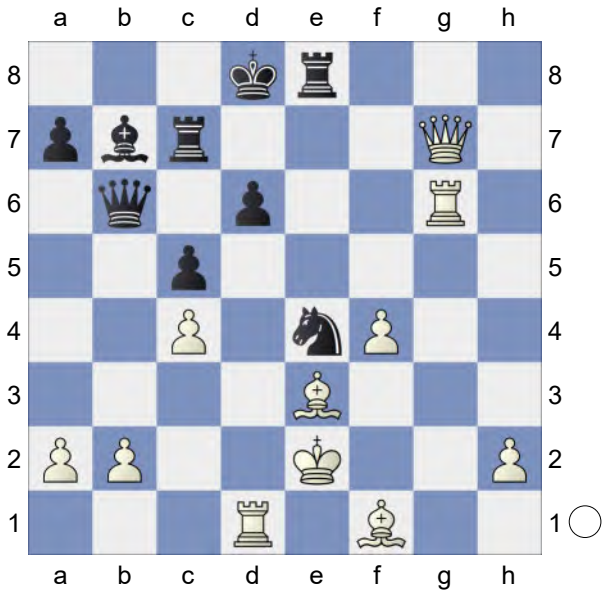
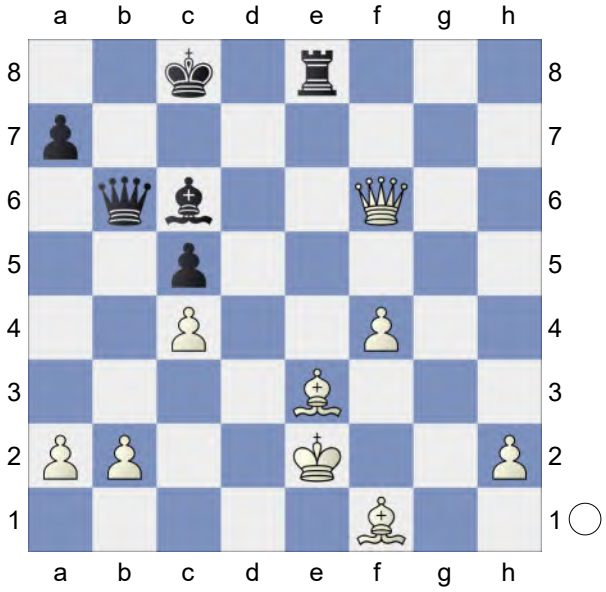


27.Rgxd6+!! Decoy **27...Nxd6 28.Qf6+ Kc8 29.Rxd6**
[29.Qxd6? is the wrong capture. Qxb2+ 30.Rd2 Qh8-+]
29...Rc6 30.Rxc6+ Bxc6



31.Kf2 Bd7 32.Qxb6
[32.Qg7 looks sharper. Qe6 33.Qg3 Qf6 34.b3]
32...axb6 Endgame.

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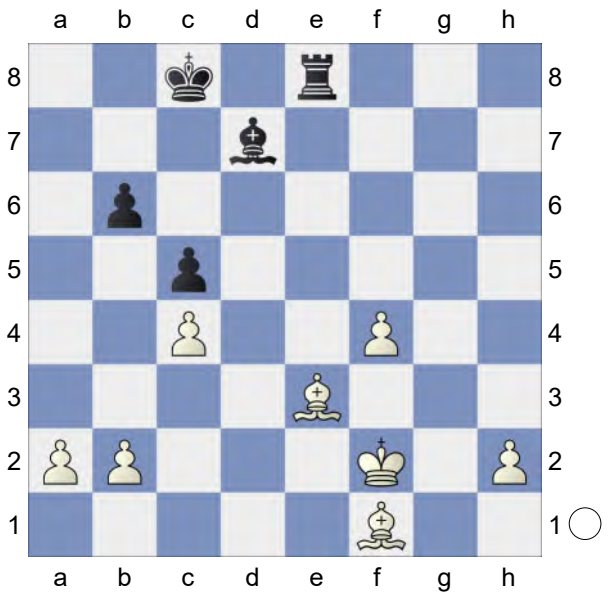
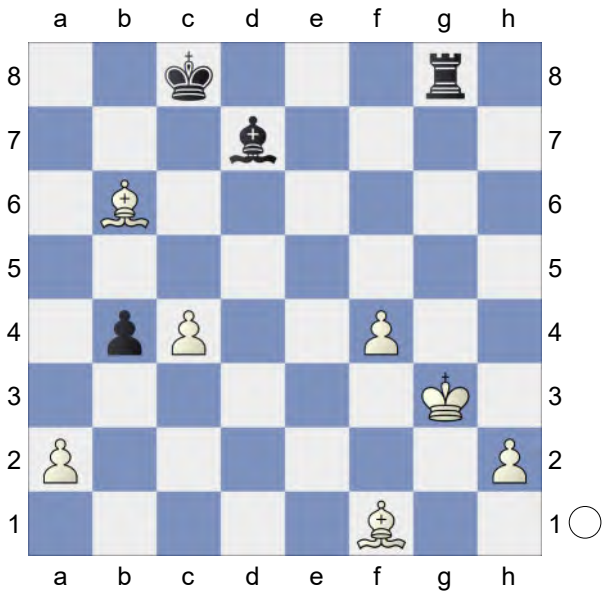


KRB-KB **33.b4** 0.36/24 **cxb4± 34.Bxb6 Rh8 35.Kg3 Rg8+**



36.Kf2 -0.01/22
[36.Kf3± 0.47/24]
36...Rh8!= 37.Kg3 Rg8+ 38.Kf2 -0.01/31
[38.Kf3± 0.76/28]

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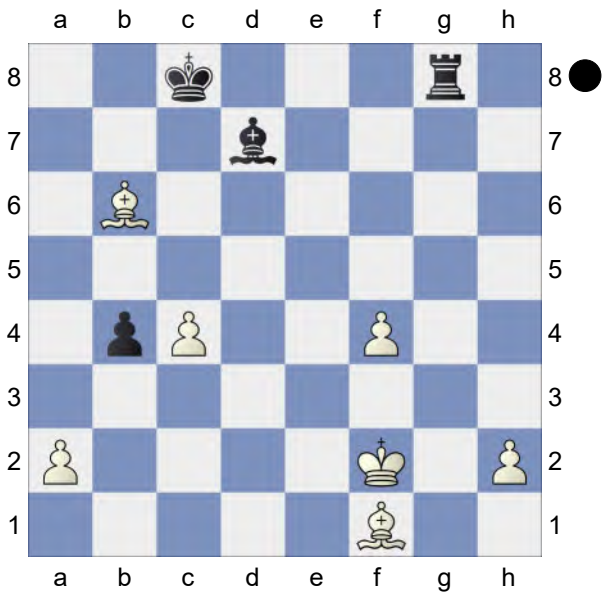

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½-½

43 **D38**
□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2739**
■ **Wei Yi** **2755**
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D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6**

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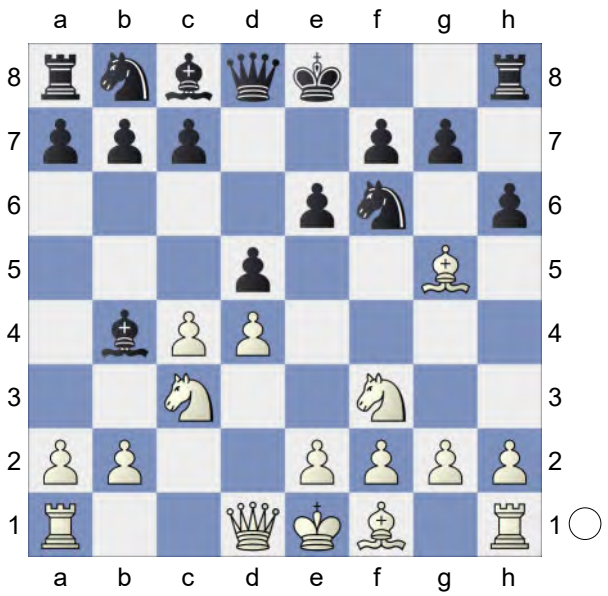
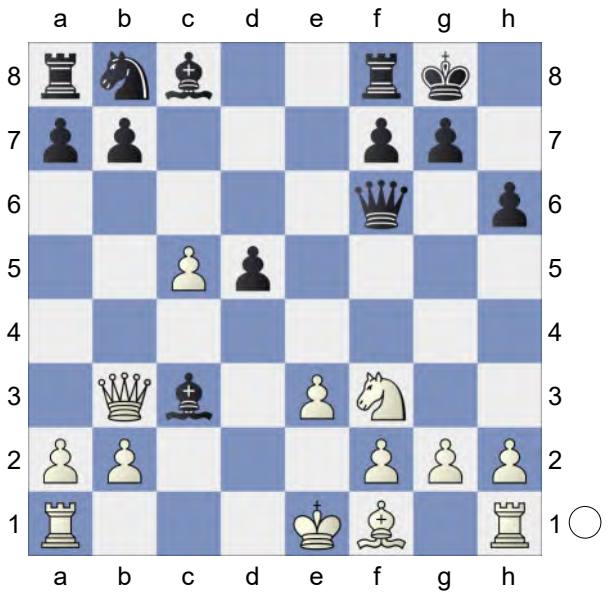


6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Qb3 c5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.dxc5 Bxc3+



11.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nd7 13.Rd1 Nf6 14.Nd4 Bd7 15.f3

[15.Nb3 Rfc8 16.Bd3 Ba4 17.f3 Bxb3 18.axb3 Rxc5 19.Kd2 Rac8 20.Rc1 h5 21.Rc2 Kf8 22.Ra1 a6 23.Ra4 Ke7 24.Rc1 R8c7 25.Rd4 Ra5 26.Bb1 Rc6 27.Rc2 Rb5 ½-½ Ostlund,J (2312)-Trost,E (2462) Vaxjo op 2025 (5)]

15...Rfc8

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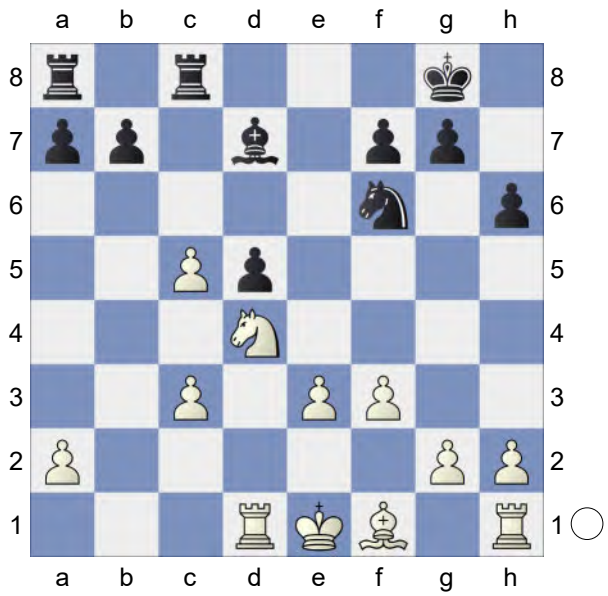
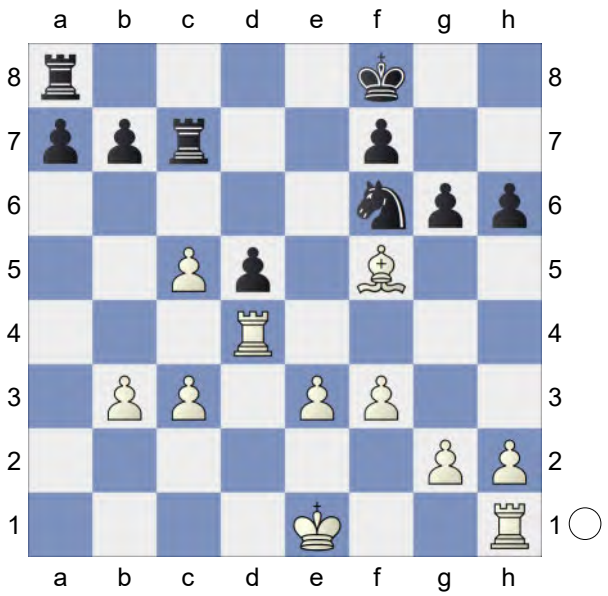


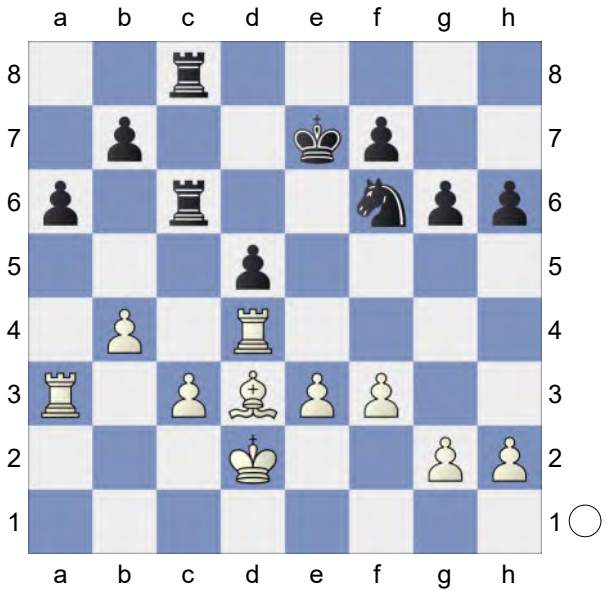
16.Nb3 Kf8N

[16...Ba4 17.Rd4 Bxb3 18.axb3 Rxc5 19.Kd2 Rac8 *(19...Ra5 20.Bd3 Ra2+ 21.Bc2 Rc8 22.Ra4 Rxa4 23.bxa4 Rc5 24.Rb1 b6 25.Rb4 Kf8 26.Bb3 Ke7 27.Rd4 g5 28.h3 Ra5 29.Kc2 Rc5 30.Kd2 Ra5 31.c4 dxc4 32.Rxc4 Ne8 33.Re4+ Kf8 34.Rd4* ½-½ Ghazarian,K (2475)-Blohberger,F (2501) Saint Louis Spring-B 2023 (4)) 20.Bd3 a5 *(20...Ra5 21.Bc2 g6 22.Rb1 h5 23.Ra4 Rac5 24.Rxa7 Rxc3 25.Bd3 R3c7 26.Rba1 Nd7 27.Ra8 Nc5 28.Rxc8+ Rxc8 29.Bc2 Ne6 30.Ra4 Rc6 31.g3 Kg7 32.f4 Kf6 33.Rb4 b6 34.Ra4 Nc7 35.Bd3* ½-½ Harikrishna,P (2688)-Yu,Y (2717) EU-Cup 39th Vrnjacka Banja 2024 (6.3)) 21.Rc1 Kf8 22.b4 axb4 23.Rxb4 R8c7 24.Bb5 Ke7 25.Rb3 Ne8 26.Bxe8 Kxe8 27.Ra1 Kd7 28.g4 Kc6 29.Ra8 Rb5 30.Rxb5 Kxb5 31.Kd3 ½-½ Kuzubov,Y (2612)-Wojtaszek,R (2693) EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen 2022 (6.3)]

17.Bd3 Ba4 18.Bf5 Rc7 19.Rd4 Bxb3 20.axb3 g6



21.Bd3 Rxc5 22.Kd2 Rac8 23.Ra1 a6
[23...Rxc3? is the wrong capture. 24.Bc4+- *(24.Rxa7 Rxb3 25.Ra2 Rc5∓)*]
24.Ra3 R5c6
[24...Rxc3? too greedy. 25.Bc4±]
25.b4 Ke7



26.b5 axb5 27.Bxb5 Rb6 28.Rb4 Kd6 29.Raa4 Rc7 30.g4 g5

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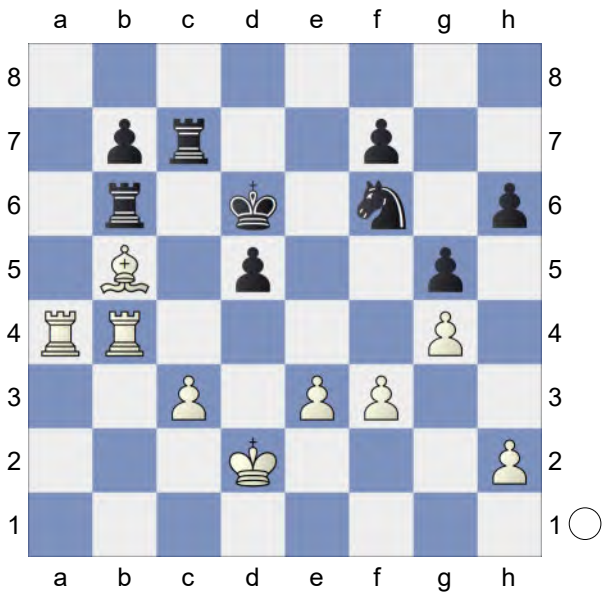
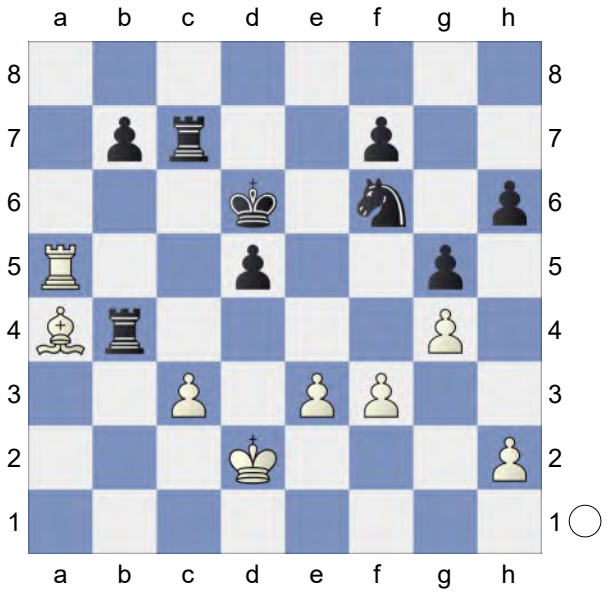
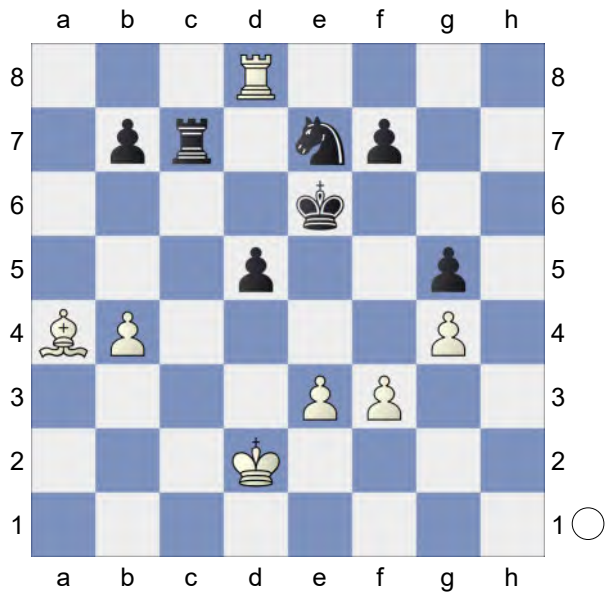


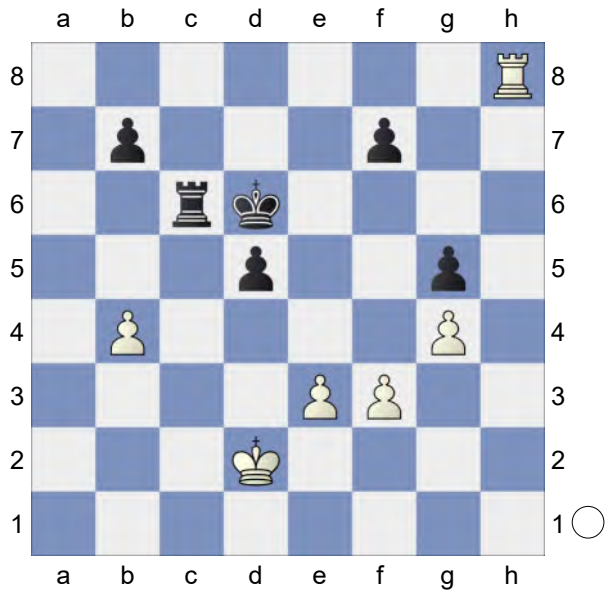
31.Ra8 Kc5 32.Ra5 Kd6 33.Ra8 0.01/20
[White should try 33.Ba4± 0.60/23 Rxb4 34.cxb4]
33...Kc5= 34.Ra5 Kd6 35.Ba4! Rxb4



36.cxb4± Endgame. KRB-KRN **36...h5** 0.66/24
[36...Ke5= 0.29/23]
37.h3 0.29/23
[37.gxh5± 0.66/24 feels stronger. Nxh5 38.Bb3]
37...hxg4= 38.hxg4 Ng8 39.Ra8 Ne7 40.Rd8+ Ke6



41.Bb3 Wards off Rc7-c4 **41...Rd7 42.Re8 Kd6 43.Rh8 Nc6 44.Ba4 Rc7 45.Bxc6 Rxc6**



KR-KR **46.Kd3 f6 47.Rh6 Ke5 48.Rh5** The position is equal. **48...Rc4 49.b5 Rb4! 50.f4+ Ke6**

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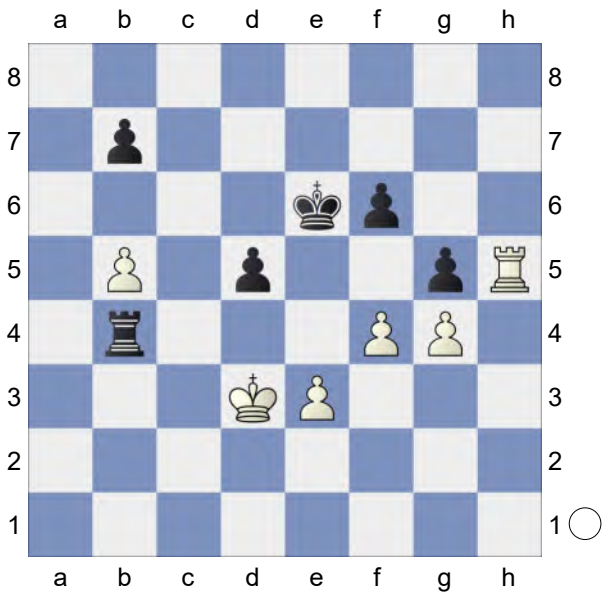
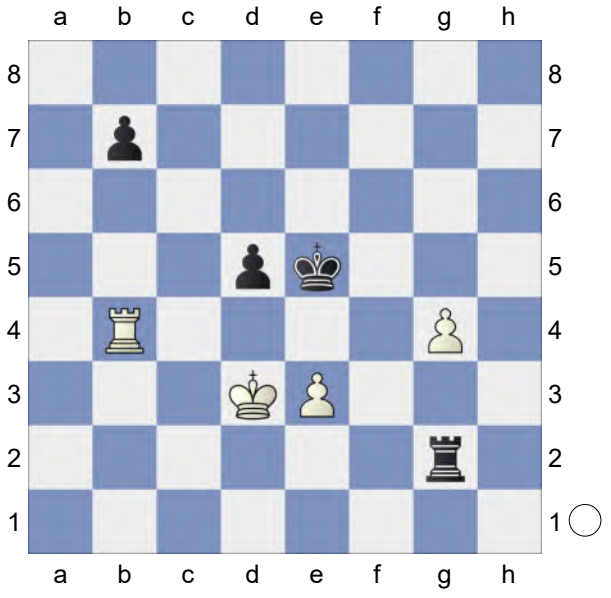


51.fxg5 fxg5 52.Rxg5 Rxb5 53.Rf5 Rb2 54.Rf4 Rg2 55.Rb4 Ke5



56.Rxb7

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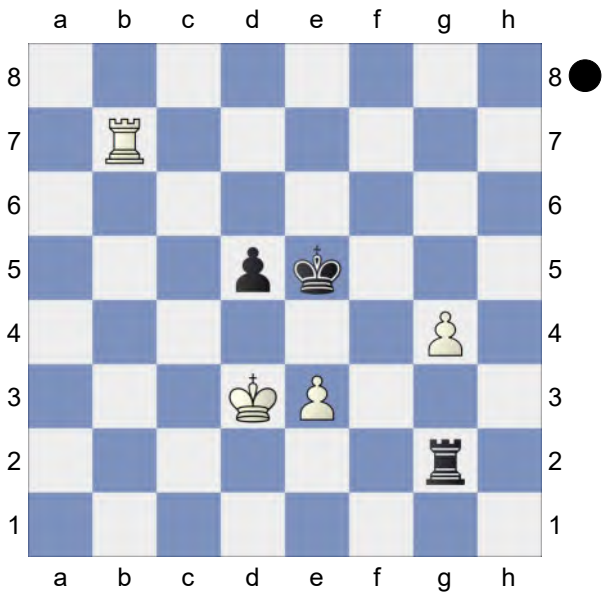

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44 **E94**
□ **Giri,A.** **2728**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2741**
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[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves Nisipeanu,L.-D: 'Inf 69/(518)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0**

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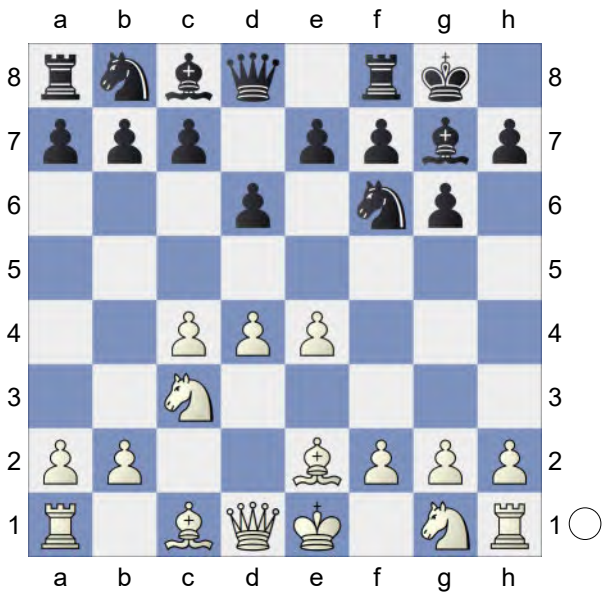
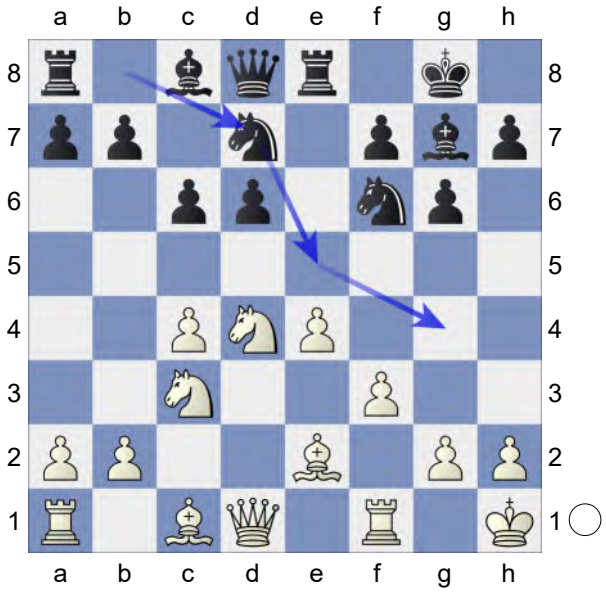


6.Nf3 e5
[6...Bg4 7.Be3 Nfd7 8.Rc1 a6 9.d5 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 b5 11.Be2 b4 12.Na4 Nb6 13.Nxb6 cxb6 14.Qd2 a5 15.h4 Nd7 16.h5 Nc5 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Bh6 Nxe4 19.Qe3 f5 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Qh6+ 1-0 Gelfand,B (2735)-Morozevich,A (2683) Zuerich Chess Challenge m1 5th Zürich rapid 2016 (2)]
[6...Re8 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Nb4 9.a3 Na6 10.Qc2 e6 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.b4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Bf5 14.Bg5 Bxe4 15.Qd2 Qd7 16.Rad1 Nb8 17.h3 Nc6 18.b5 Ne5 19.Nd4 d5 20.f3 Bf5 21.Nxf5 0-1 Stalmach,R (2431)-Hakobyan,A (2617) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (4)]
7.0-0N
[7.d5 a5 8.h3 Na6 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.g4 Nc5 11.Nd2 c6 *(11...Bd7 12.Be3 Qe7 13.h4 Ne8 14.Nf1 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Ng3 e4* Nisipeanu,L (2545)-Gross,D (2360) 69/(518) Zalakaros 1997*)* 12.h4 Bd7 13.a4 Qd8 14.Kf1 Qb6 15.b3 cxd5 16.cxd5 Rac8 17.Be3 Qd8 18.Rc1

Rc7 19.Kg2 Ne8 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 b6 1-0 9.b4 a5 10.ba5 (2562)-Silar (2417) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 (4)]
[7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bg5 Re8 10.0-0-0 h6 11.Be3 c6 12.h3 Bf8 13.Nd2 Be6 14.g4 Nbd7 15.f3 a6 16.Nb3 Rec8 17.h4 b5 18.Kb1 h5 19.g5 Ne8 20.Bf1 Nd6 21.Na5 Rab8 0-1 Moor,O-Ekstroem Zürich 2002]

7...exd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.f3 c6 10.Kh1 Nbd7



11.Be3 a6 12.Nc2 Ne5 White has an edge. **13.f4**
[13.a4!?]
13...Neg4 And now ...Ng4xe3 would win. **14.Bg1 h5 15.Bf3 Be6**

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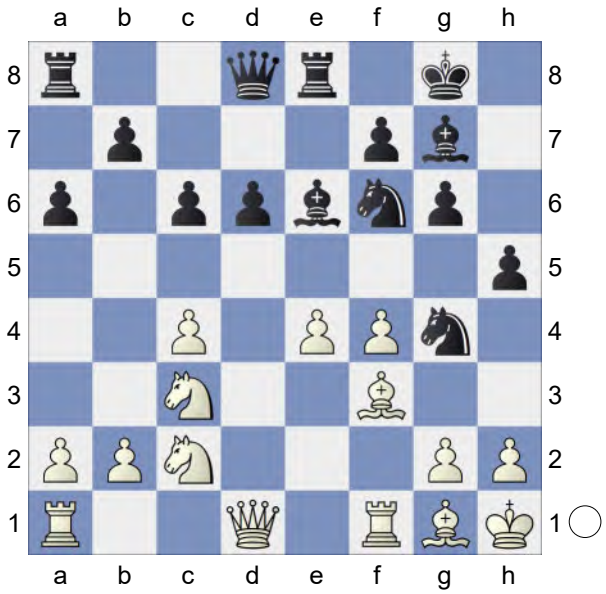
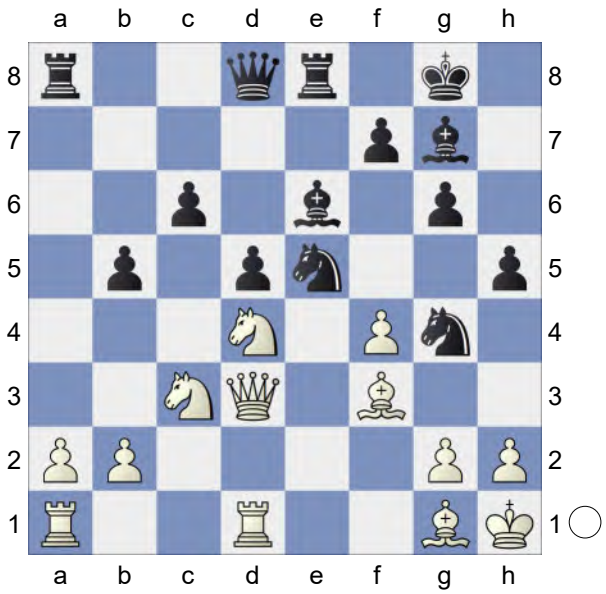
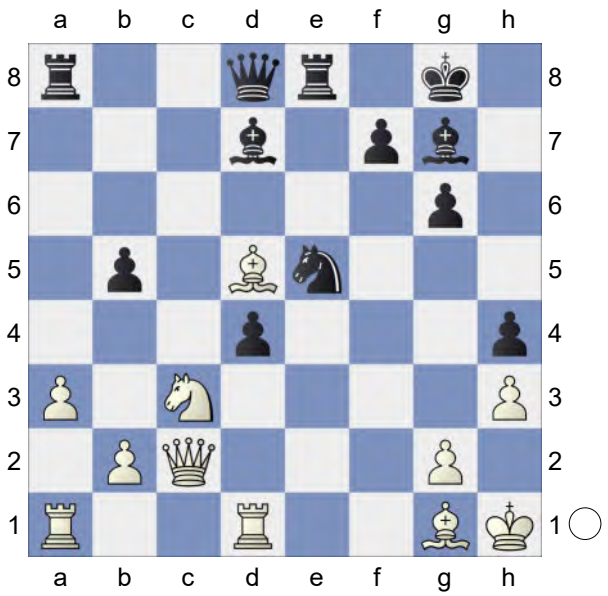


16.Qd3 b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.Rfd1 d5 Threatens to win with ...Nf6xe4. **19.e5 Nd7 20.Nd4** Wards off Be6-f5
20...Ndxe5

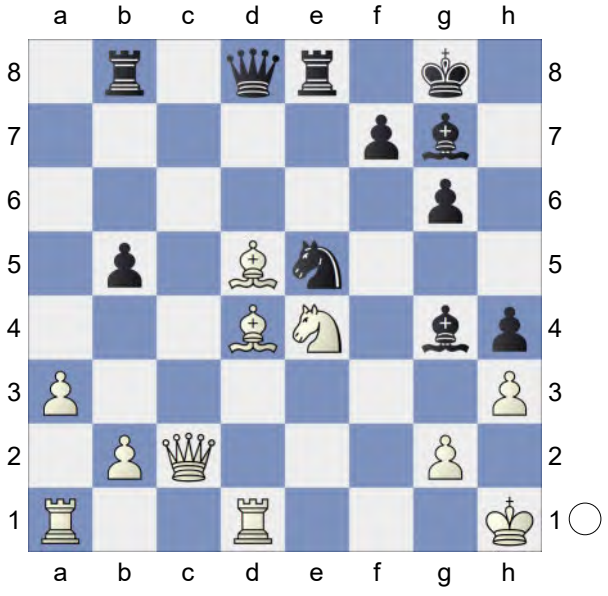


21.fxe5 Nxe5 22.Qc2 Bd7 23.a3 h4 0.73/20
[23...c5± 0.36/18]
24.h3± c5 25.Bxd5 cxd4

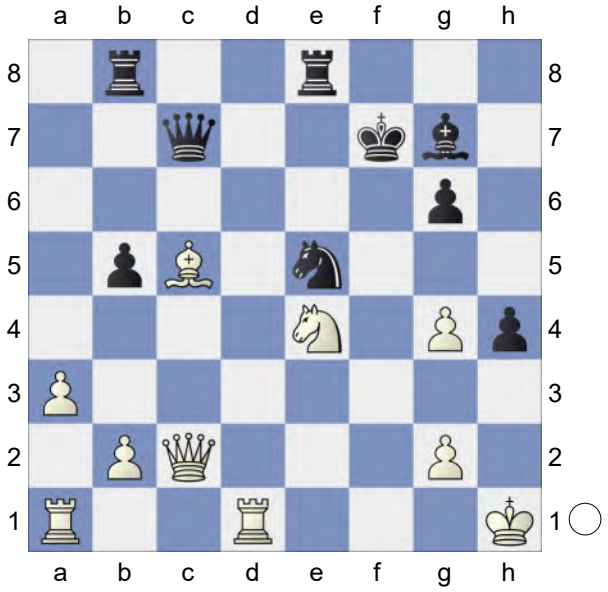
(Diagram)



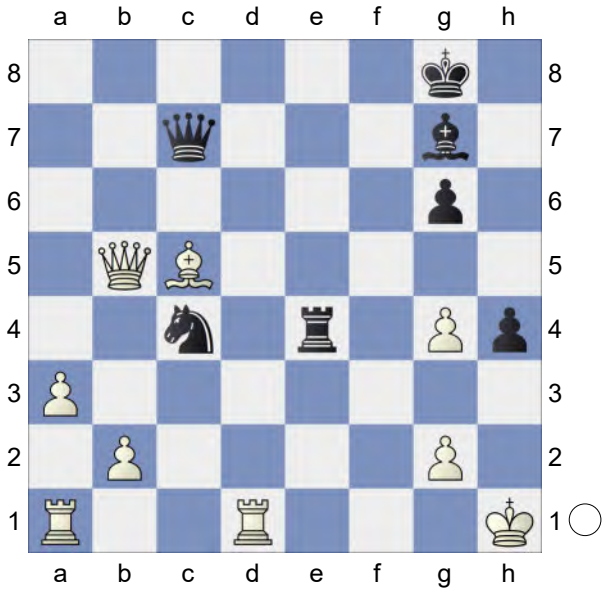
26.Bxd4 Rb8 1.59/24
[Black should play 26...Rc8 1.03/19]
27.Ne4 White has more active pieces.
27...Bg4? 5.04/20
[27...Qe7± 1.59/20 is a better chance.]



Black cannot hold the game after this.
28.Bxf7+!+- White is clearly winning.
[Inferior is 28.hxg4 Qxd5 29.Ba7 Rbc8∓]
[Not 28.Bxe5 Bxd1 29.Bxf7+ *(29.Rxd1 Bxe5 30.Bxf7+ Kxf7=)* 29...Kxf7=]
28...Kxf7 7.18/23
[⌓28...Nxf7 4.87/21 29.Nf6+ Discovered Attack *(29.hxg4? is the wrong capture. Bxd4 30.Qc6 Kg7-+)* 29...Qxf6 30.Bxf6 Bf5]
29.hxg4 Qe7 30.Bc5 Qc7



31.Qb3+ Nc4 32.Nd6+ Deflection
32...Kg8 33.Nxe8 Rxe8 34.Qxb5 Re4



35.Bd4 Ne3
[35...Qc8 36.Qd5+]

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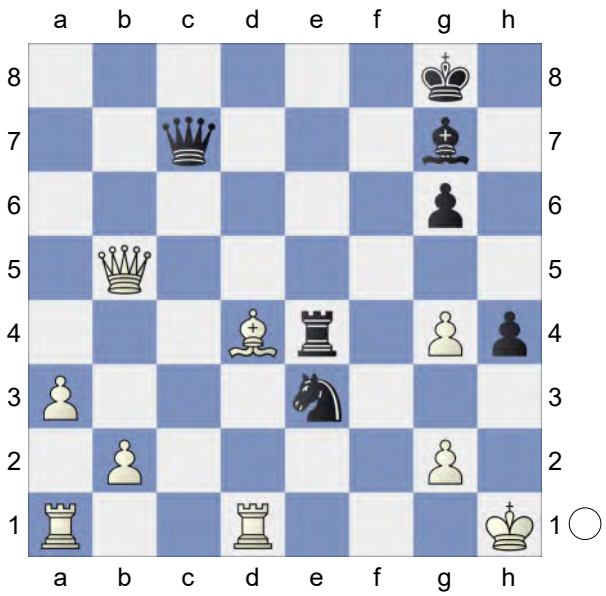
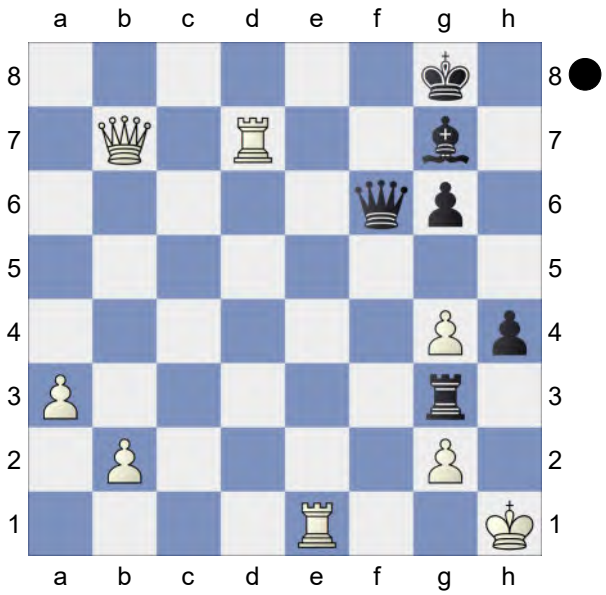


36.Bxe3 Rxe3 37.Rd3 Rg3 38.Rd7 Qf4 39.Qb7 Qf6 40.Re1



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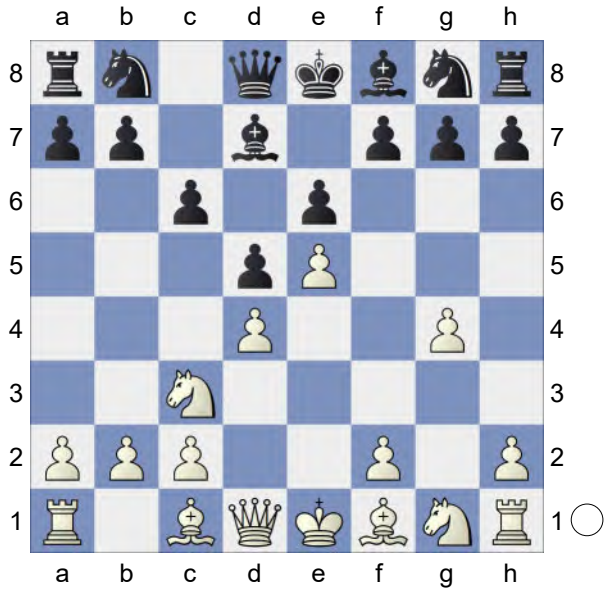
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.g4 Bd7 5.Nc3 e6**



6.Be3 c5 7.dxc5 Qc7 8.Nb5 Bxb5 9.Bxb5+ Nc6 Hoping for ...Qc7-a5+. **10.c3 h5N**

[10...Qxe5 11.Nf3 Qc7 12.Qa4 a6 13.Nd4 Nge7 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.Be2 7) Extensive Course Summary-Bayonet Attack 4...Bd7 5...e6]

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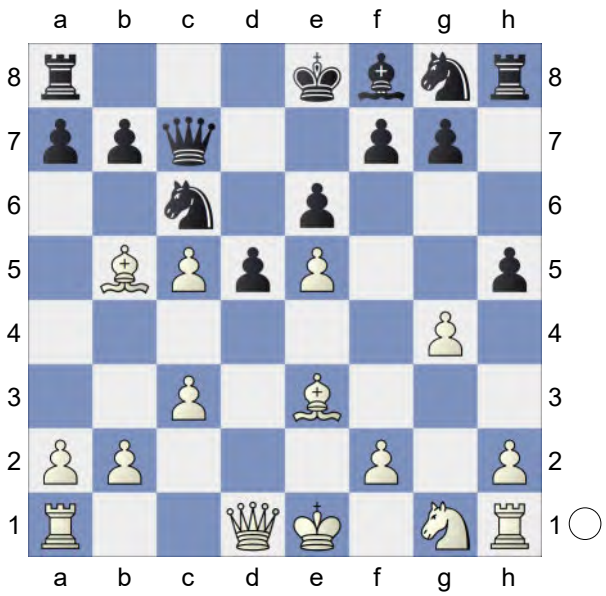
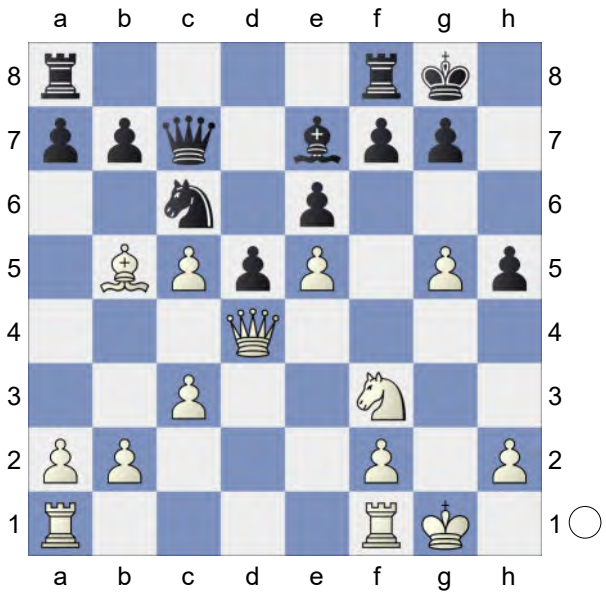


11.g5 Nge7 12.Nf3 Nf5 13.Bd4 Nfxd4 14.Qxd4 Be7 15.0-0 0-0



16.Qe3 g6 17.b4 b6

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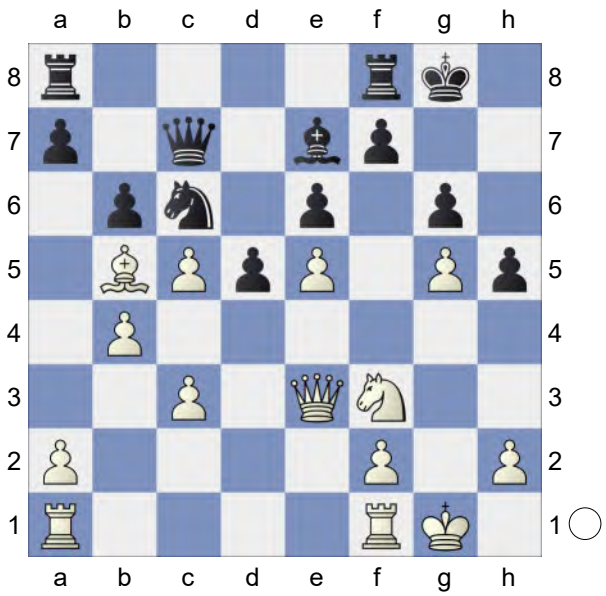
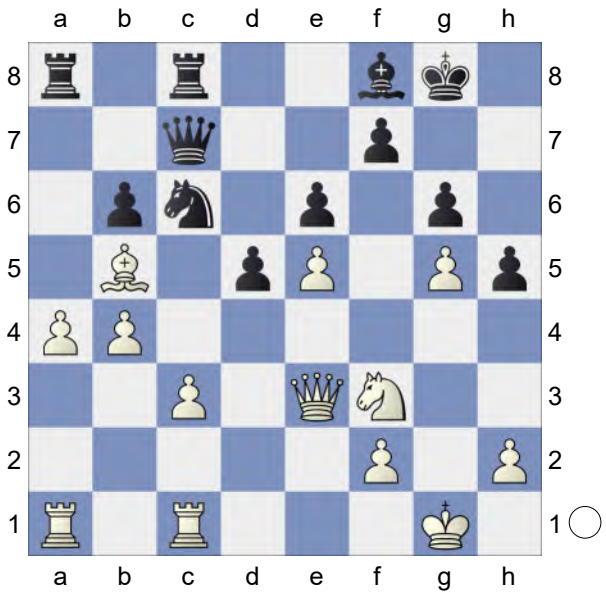
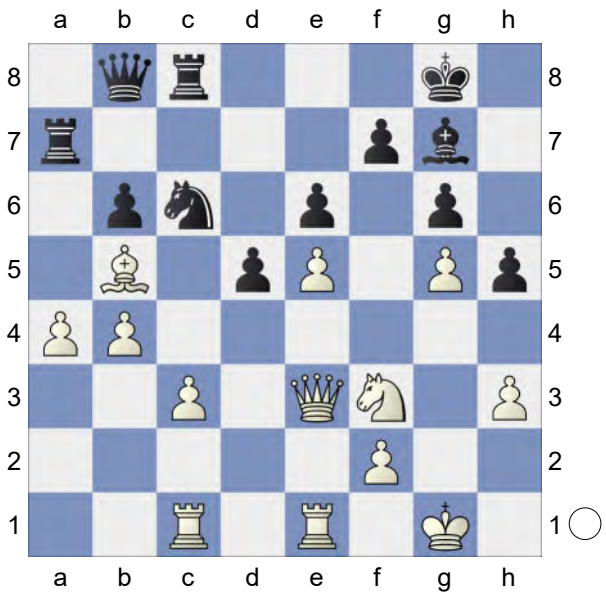


18.cxb6 axb6 19.a4 Rfc8 20.Rfc1 Bf8

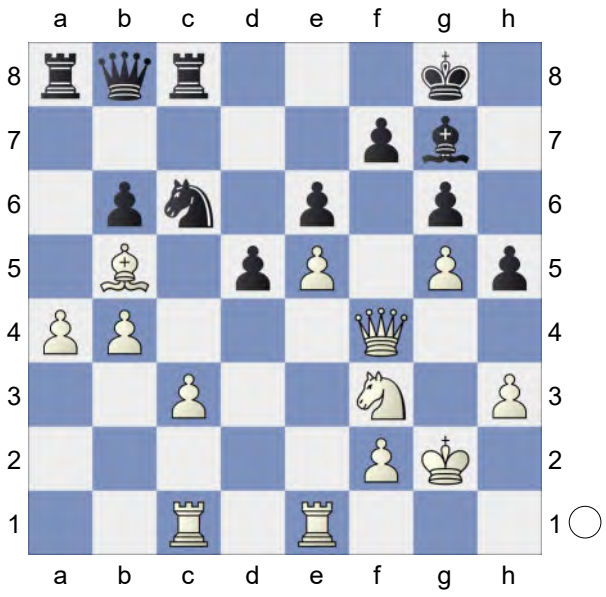


21.Re1 Bg7 22.Rac1 Qb8 23.h3 Ra7 24.Qf4 Ra8 25.Qe3 0.01/19
[White should play 25.Re3± 0.99/21]
25...Ra7!=

(Diagram)



26.Qf4 -0.01/19
[26.Rb1± 1.00/19]
26...Ra8! 27.Kg2 Ra7 28.Kf1 Ra8 29.Kg1 Ra7 30.Kg2 Ra8



31.Re3 White is more active. **31...Ra7 32.Rce1 Qa8 33.Nd4 Nxd4 34.Qxd4 Rac7 35.Kg1**
[35.Qxb6? loses. d4+ *(35...Rxc3 36.Qd4±)* 36.Re4 dxc3-+]
35...Qb7

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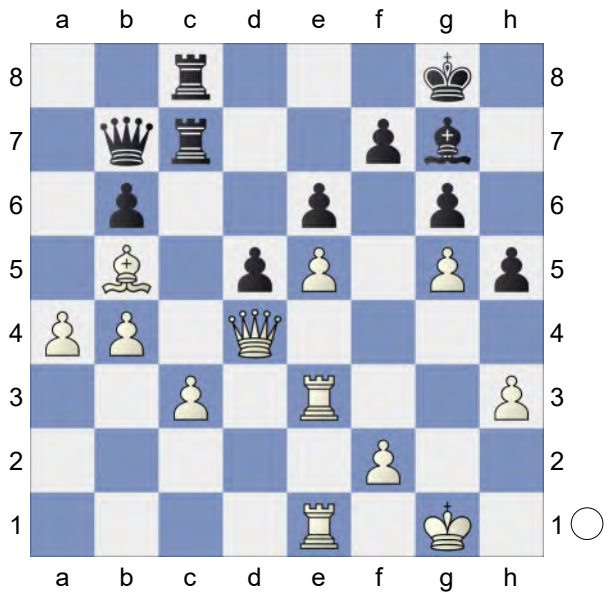
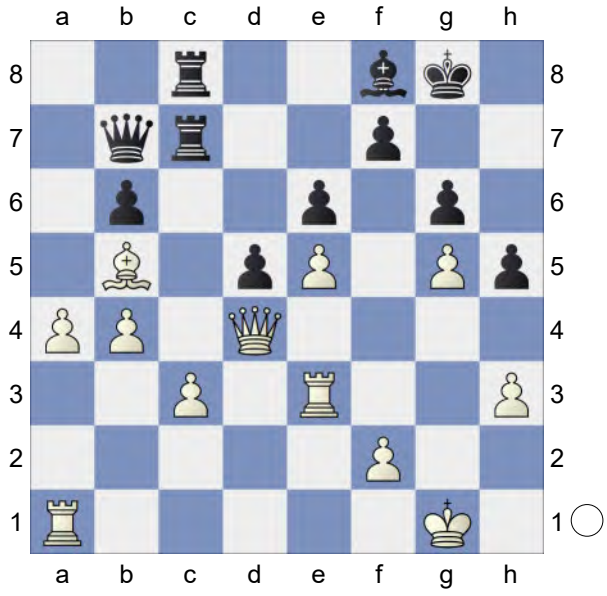


36.Ra1 Bf8



37.a5 0.51/23
[37.Rd3!± 0.96/21]
37...bxa5± 38.Rxa5 Ra8 Dodges Bb5-a6 **39.Rxa8!**

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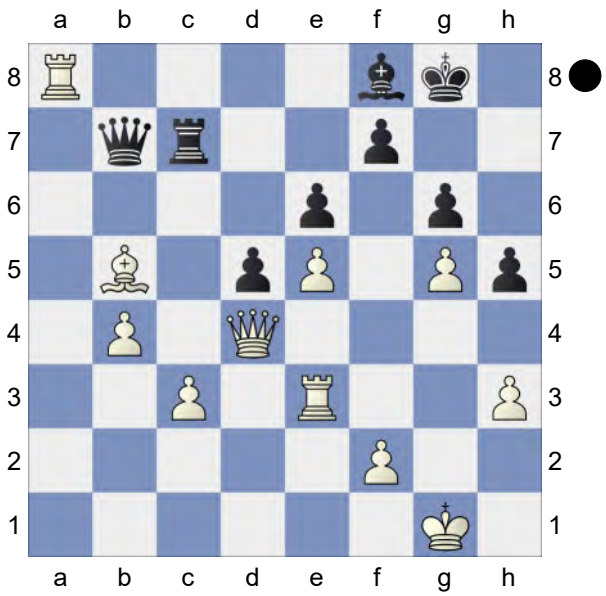

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